

**ST. TEILO's with OUR LADY of LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, October 24th 2019 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:**

Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary

Claudiu Bulai

JR Diaz

Kathy Kirby

Christine Lewis

Clare Loveluck

Paul Doherty

**1. Opening Prayer**

Madeleine welcomed all present and said the opening prayer.

**2. Apologies:**

Canon Isaac, Gerry Lewis,

**3. Minutes:**

Madeleine said that she had received a letter from Christine Lewis regarding the Minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Christine questioned item 5. Social Committee, which read – ‘Unfortunately, bad weather spoiled the Corpus Christi procession’. She pointed out that the weather was reasonable but there were insufficient people to carry the very heavy canopy. A discussion took place and it was agreed that it was necessary in future to have a team of men carrying the canopy and that there should be a rehearsal prior to the day. The above corrections and the remaining Minutes of the meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 were a true record and they were seconded by all present.

**4. Parish Meal 2020**

It was agreed that the advertising of this event should start on the First Sunday of Advent.

## **5. Youth Ministry update**

JR and Claudiu apologised for missing the last arrangement made for a meeting in September. JR pointed out that the planning and organising was taking some time and they needed some support. JR and Claudiu had planned meetings on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup> He suggested inviting Prya to these meetings.

A Youth meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Advertising should start three weeks prior to the event, in the newsletter and on the parish website.

Kathy, Louise, Helga and possibly Gail will help with the catering.

## **6. Social Committee**

The BBQ, held on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> was a success. Approximately 50 people attended. The weather, apart from a little rain at the beginning, was very kind. The atmosphere was very good and the food and drink did the rest. It was very encouraging to see so many adults talking and laughing together. The children enjoyed the food and the running around. All in all, it was a success.

The Cheese and Wine evening was not well attended but all present had a very good time. The talk and the eating and drinking were excellent and quite a lot of suggestions were made as to how to bring people together, especially the elderly.

This led to suggestions as to how to encourage more people to attend. Quite a few ideas were mentioned such as Call my Bluff, Bingo etc.

A Quiz Night will be held on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm for 8pm.

Encouraging more parishioners to become involved was suggested.

## **7. Evangelisation**

Madeleine reported that quite a few activities were planned during the year.

She distributed to members a copy of the flyer, which had been prepared for the pre-launch of the Year of the God Who Speaks at St. Helen's Church, Caerphilly. This gives details of the Scripture Study Days to be held on a Saturday, once a month throughout the year, in the Cornerstone.

### **The Year of the God Who Speaks**

A Mass had been held at St Helen's Church, Caerphilly on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to pre-launch the year. Banners had been distributed to parishes.

On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm., Fleur Doyle, the Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager at the Bishops' Conference, will be giving an introductory talk on the Year of the God Who Speaks.

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **• Our Lady of Lourdes**

Paul Doherty reported on the 'Improvement of Our Lady of Lourdes.

- While there is a great deal of work to be carried out, there is some good news regarding the electrics. The Trustees have given permission for carrying out some of the repairs. While the Hall has been approved for the time being, the Presbytery will cost a minimum of £1,000. Paul will give a further update at the next meeting.
- Defibrillator

Paul posed the question as to whether it was necessary to have a defibrillator at St. Teilo's. After some discussion, it was agreed that it was not necessary at this time.

- Clare reported that Angela Jones had agreed to return to the PAC but is not able to attend on a Thursday. It was agreed to hold the PAC meetings on a Monday.
- There was a discussion on what people would like as social activities. It was decided to put out a questionnaire. **JR and Paul agreed to do a first draft.**

#### 9. President's Points

- Madeleine reported on behalf of Canon Isaac.  
A good and useful meeting had been held with the members of the SVP.
- Gabalfa was on-going.
- Collections will be taken up for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.
- RCIA – Canon reported that he was working on a joint outreach with the Vicar from St Mary's.

#### 10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm.

#### Concluding Prayer

Madeleine led the concluding prayer.