

**St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Fr Dwayne Bednar	
Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary

Angela Jones  
Christine Lewis  
Gerry Lewis  
Clare Lovelock  
David Roblin

**1. Opening Prayer**

Madeleine said the Opening Prayer.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

Madeleine welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Claudiu Bulai and JR.

**3. Introductions** – Clare was already known to Fr. Dwayne. She added a little about herself. She is a First Holy Communion Catechist with Angela and helps with the Children's Liturgy. She also does the flowers. Madeleine added that Clare was the mother of Harry, the faithful and loyal altar server.

**4. A Moment Thinking of Canon William Isaac**

Madeleine suggested taking a moment to think of Canon Isaac. She said he will be greatly missed.

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**5. Minutes – Matters arising**

The Minutes of the last meeting on March 4th 2021 were approved as a true record. They were agreed by Gerry and seconded by Angela.

Fr. Dwayne expressed his concern that no progress had been made on the collapsed wall in the drive, which is potentially dangerous. It was not clear at present whether the land is owned by the Church or the owners of the adjoining property.

**6. A Memorial for Canon Isaac**

Madeleine said that she had had two suggestions as to what could be done.

- Carole Burns had suggested a small, modest grotto in the garden and for this to be commemorated to Our Lady whom Canon admired so much. She said that it was possible that the statue of Our Lady in the garden could be cleaned and used.
- Claudiu had proposed that we commission an icon of Our Lady of Walsingham for St. Teilo's, in Canon's memory. He said that Canon had a great fondness for

- Walsingham and a devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham. He said that he was sure that the people of the parish would contribute to it and said that Stephen Morris, a friend of Canon's, had suggested this at Canon's funeral. Claudiu said that he was prepared to look into costs.
- It was agreed that a statue of Our Lady would be appropriate as Canon Isaac loved Our Lady. There was a question as to whether the present statue, which would need cleaning, should be used or whether a different one should be purchased.
- It was recognised that Canon was very fond of the present statue and it was agreed to make a grotto and place the statue on a plinth. Madeleine asked for a volunteer to look into how the statue could be cleaned, perhaps from places where they clean gravestones and also where boulders for the Grotto could be obtained. Helga volunteered to find out and report back to Madeleine.
- Gerry recommended a stone cleaning product, 'Wet and Forget'. He said it was a gentle product and the effects of its use developed over time. Christine urged caution in using anything on the statue, saying that the effect that any product would have on the particular stone of the statue, is unknown. Fr. Dwayne said that he would do some research on the product.
- Clare will obtain a photo of the grotto in Margam.

#### **7. Review of the Triduum**

Madeleine said that all the services over the three days had been carried out really well, given the circumstances. It was agreed that all parishioners understood that episcopal and diocesan directions were clear; it was not possible to do things as normally. They were appreciative for everything that could be achieved. Fr. Dwayne said that he was grateful for having readers and altar servers.

#### **8. Post Pandemic Plans**

Fr. Dwayne stated that it had been easy to come into St. Teilo's and that Canon Isaac had been very supportive. He was impressed at all the volunteers in groups, carrying out their duties and felt that everyone is collegial. He would like to provide continuity. He hopes that things will carry on.

#### **9. Fr. Dwayne's Points**

- Fr. Dwayne hopes that the social side of the parish will be picked up again, maybe a Summer Picnic etc. He added that a trip to Belmont, in cars would be interesting, including a visit to Canon Isaac's grave. If possible, he could say a Mass there and a meal could be had together after this.
- First Holy Communion: it was agreed that Fr. Dwayne would meet with Angela and Clare to discuss the preparations for this Sacrament.

#### **10. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence, other than that already discussed.

#### **11. Concluding Prayer**

Fr. Dwayne said the concluding prayer and gave a blessing.

#### **12. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20th 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.