

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Zoom on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Fr. Dwayne Bednar	
Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary

Christine Lewis  
Gerry Lewis  
Clare Lovelock  
David Roblin

**1. Opening Prayer**

JR said the Opening Prayer.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Claudiu Bulai and Angela Jones.

**3. Minutes – Matters arising**

The Minutes of the last meeting on April 22nd 2021 were approved as a true record.

Matters arising:

**Sacramental preparation**

Good progress had been made concerning Sacramental preparation.

- The **First Holy Communion** Catechists had met with Fr. Dwayne. They were giving two sessions of two hours' preparation leading to the children receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The next First Holy Communion class will start in September and not in January as usual. It will be a shorter period of instruction so that they will catch up.
- JR said that **Confirmation** classes will start in September. There are ten sessions. He had delivered two or three sessions before the lockdown. He has ten candidates carrying on and has received an extra name. The class is held on Monday evenings. JR will organise suitable dates. Madeleine pointed out that half terms and holidays should be avoided.

**4. A Memorial for Canon Isaac**

- Fr. Dwayne showed the statue of Our Lady in the garden using his phone. It had had one coat of Wet and Forget. Gerry said that he would apply a second coat when the wind and rain had cleared. He said that the full process will take up to 10 to 12 months.
- Christine had contacted Thornhill Memorials and they would be willing to come out to give a price to make a grotto.
- Using the stones already on the site was suggested. Fr. Dwayne said that some of the stones are better than others; some are as big as footballs. He said it was an irregular collection of stones.
- Some of the stones could be used to create a backdrop.

- Clare will send Madeleine a photo of the grotto in Margam, who will circulate it to all members.

#### **5. Farewell Cream Tea on Saturday, June 19th**

Members of the Social Group and parishioners will bake or buy cakes and cones. There will also be strawberries and cream, tea, coffee and soft drinks. Madeleine will ask Gail to help with organising the cakes. Madeleine suggested that helpers needed to be at the Church at 1pm to bring down the tables and chairs from the Hall. David Roblin said that he would be there and that he would ask his grandson, Owen, to come to help as well. Christine volunteered as did Madeleine. Helga would be there from the Social Group and said that Anne and Bill O'Brien will be there too and also Maria Gundy. Fr. Dwayne offered to help.

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

- Fr. Dwayne expressed his thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, support and kindness he had received during his time at St. Teilo's.
- He commented on all the hard work that was carried out by very many parishioners behind the scenes.
- He said that the past month had been very pleasurable and it had been like living in a spa.

#### **7. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

#### **8. Thanks**

Madeleine thanked Fr. Dwayne for everything he had done for the parish while at St. Teilo's and what he had done for Canon Isaac too. She wished him well in his continued ministry in Poland. She asked him when he expected his book to be published. Fr. Dwayne thought it would be in August this year, in Polish first. He was not sure when it would come on to the shelves in the UK.

#### **9. Concluding Prayer**

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

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

No date was set for the next meeting. Madeleine said that this would be decided when Canon John Griffiths has arrived.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.