

MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL MEETING

HELD AT ST THERESA’S ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

PRESENT: Fr William, Lawrence Hordley, Carol Galvin. Amy O’Donnell, Freda Blundell, Pauline Rourke, Mark Traynor, Maura Connolly, Ann McCarthy, Anne Mosquera, Eileen Irwin.

APOLOGIES: Mike Maxwell, Sue Carr, Tom Coyle, Fr James, Tim Moore

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. These were proposed and seconded.

	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters Arising: Church Finances-Fr William has been in touch with the Diocese and has been informed that we will keep the separate bank accounts. The monies in the accounts are for the parish. The latest accounts are on the notice boards at both churches. There is a new accounting system in the pipeline whereby both churches can input their own amounts and the parish figures can be amalgamated. Fr William asked if any group would like to use the land next to the presbytery at St Theresa’s to see him. • Defibrillator – The one for St Theresa’s has been delivered but is not up yet. It needs to be in an accessible place. Claire Edwards, a nurse, said both priests should know how to use it. There should be another training session at St Columba's in addition to the one arranged for after the Sunday Mass. A sticker to be put on the defibrillators saying the name of who they were donated in memory of. • St Theresa’s Parish Centre issues – Ann McCarthy has been in touch with diocese but as yet has not received a reply. • Photos – Ann McCarthy to ask Alison Wrigglesworth if she is able to take the photos needed. • Update on Chester pastoral Forum and RCIA matters – Mike Maxwell sent a report. As we are one parish we only need one representative. A discussion took place about having a series of talks. If there are any suggestions for topics let Maura Connolly know before the 20th January. • Matters Arising from Sub-Group Reports • Communication – there are only two people involved in this now, Maura and Francis Coxhead. There was a meeting with Fr James who set up the website for the Spiritans. There is a list of things needed. There will be sections for different groups e.g. Liturgy, then a link for more information on that group. It was suggested that bullet points from the meetings were put on the web site omitting any confidential material. It would be the responsibility of the group to update the information. An editor and proof reader would be needed for this. Fr James will help with the setting up. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ann McC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

There is free help available from Google for registered charities.

- **Liturgy** – More Readers to be recruited. Pauline and Tom to meet. The children making their First Holy Communion could be given a task e.g giving out & collecting hymn books. Joining the choir, altar servers to continue with following their FHC. Need to engage the parents so they can get to know one another. Also with Confirmation, challenges could be set. They need to own what they are doing.

Rob Green was thanked for all the hard work he had put in regarding the music license, as was Pauline Payne. A solution has been reached. Lawrence to cancel the current agreement.

The Commemoration Mass for Bishop Brian is being held at St Theresa's on Wednesday 27th November at 7pm at St Theresa's. Fr Niall Mullaley and Fr Paul Shaw are involved in the Liturgy and Chris Steele with the music.

- **Buildings** – A report was sent. The heating is back on at St Columba's. The rear entrance will be closed from 27th November until after Christmas while the ramp is completed.
- **Churches Together** – There is a Community Carol Service at St Theresa's on the 9th December at 6pm. There is a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Holy Trinity at 10.45 on the 18th January. There is also a service in Upton. Joe O'Neill has taken over as the representative in Upton, a discussion took place on this.
- **Inclusivity** - A report was sent. There has been a meeting with Avenue Services about the car park at St Theresa's. They have agreed to take the fence down and improve the access to the church for people with disabilities and to put signs up saying this is a private car park.

Other churches have held an informal joint service for those living with dementia and their carers lasting about 30 minutes with tea and cakes after. This might be something that the Churches Together could be involved with together with the Liturgy and Inclusivity Groups.

- **SVP** – The SVP have six members of which only four are active. They meet every two weeks and visit families, elderly people and residents in homes and hospitals. They are also involved with schools, particularly St Theresa's for which they recently purchased a Literacy project for use throughout the school. They also help travellers, the refugee project, disabled and the homeless. They give monetary assistance, transport and advice and also help run the Holiday home at Talacre which provides a holiday for those in need. Mark informed the meeting of all the work carried out by the SVP and how they obtain finances. More recruits are needed.
- **Cancellation of Friends of Palestine Meeting** – Sue Carr has a copy of the e mail she received from the Diocese. Fr William explained about the conversation he had with Friends of the Holy land. A discussion took place. More information is needed from people looking to hire the hall for meetings though vetting speakers is not a responsible that Sue can take on. There is an appeal for the Friends of the Holy land on the 30th

Lawrence

