

ST COLUMBA'S & ST THERESA'S

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

HELD AT ST THERESA'S PARISH CENTRE

PRESENT: Fr William, Fr James, Mike Maxwell, Lawrence Hordley, Freda Blundell , Pauline Rourke, Sue Carr, Carol Galvin, Francis Coxhead, Ann McCarthy & Eileen Irwin.

APOLOGIES: Peter Devine, Maura Connolly, Tom Coyle & Anne Mosquera.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes were proposed by Freda Blundell and seconded by Sue Carr as being true and correct.

	ACTION
<p><b>UPDATE ON ST THERESA'S PARISH CENTRE:</b> Ann McCarthy informed us that there had been a productive meeting with Fr William, Phil Black, Andy, Jane, Eileen and Ann. They wanted the parish centre to be promoted for the parish and wider community and hold lots of events. Hopefully the Diocese will ask Avenue Services from whom we rent the car park, to do more with the surface of the car park. Due to the disruption the recent fair caused to the church, club and school, Fr William has sent a letter to Avenue services saying that we do not want any events held on the car park. A sign could be put up to let people know that it is a private car park and that we have the right to move them.</p>	
<p><b>DEFIBRILLATOR:</b> Sue has e mailed Claire about coming to St Theresa's. Claire will come but she wants to show the You Tube video. Need to check how far the wifi reaches in church</p>	Fr James/ Eileen
<p><b>PHOTOS</b> Alison Will go to St Theresa's on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm to take photos of Fr William, Fr James &amp; Tom Coyle.</p>	
<p><b>USE OF INCOME FROM LETTING ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERY</b> It was agreed that this could be left to the Buildings Report.</p>	
<p><b>REVIEW OF ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN</b> Thank you letters and cards sent to Lynsey and Mark, who have resigned from the pastoral Council. A date has been set for the photos. Lighting - ignore as the building work is now completed. Communications- Ann has e mailed. Electronic Diary – A date has been set for the 5<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this. Churches Together – progress has been made. A young mother has offered her services and has met with Stella and been introduced to Fr William. New Office – Carole is now installed in the new office at St Columba's. Luncheon Club – Peter Devine is very keen to do this and is going to do the food hygiene certificate on line. It has been arranged that Peter and Ann will go to St Saviours on the 19<sup>th</sup> March to see how they run their luncheon club. Lynsey has said</p>	Peter/ Ann

<p>that she would help when she could.</p> <p>Naming Competition – Lawrence asked David Savage about this and he put some work into arranging this. After a discussion it was decided that the new office would be named after Cardinal Newman. David to be thanked and our apologies given to him. Fr William and Lawrence to speak to David. Canon Jonathan to be asked back to the Blessing of the rooms and to say thank you to him for instigating the process.</p>	<p>Fr William /Lawrence</p>
<p><b>UPDATE ON CHESTER PASTORAL FORUM</b></p> <p>The idea behind this is for the Chester parishes to meet together and share their views. RCIA is one of the items that have gone off the agenda. Items discussed were Altar servers, Year of the Word leaflet, St Werburgh's Feast Day, Fr Carnie's retirement from Tarporley, St Theresa's and St Clare's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As St Theresa's was built in 1959 we have missed ours. Fr William and Eileen to check the date. We are hosting Confirmation this year. Deanery plans for Bible Talks during Lent which clash with David Savage's talks. Pauline asked if a report could be sent in. Mike did send one in last time and will speak with Maura to co-ordinate this.</p>	<p>Fr William /Eileen</p> <p>Mike</p>
<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM SUB-GROUP REPORTS:</b></p> <p>A) <b>COMMUNICATION:</b> Francis apologised for not having made much progress with this work as he's been busy with other things. The IT is a big job to include a new domain with emails for parish communications to be set up. Francis will lead the work to set it up but we will need a team of administrators to keep it up to date and make it work as an administrative tool which also works for evangelising the parish.</p> <p>B) Each group or function of the parish will, over time, need to know how to manage their page of the website and to use the parish email addresses rather than personal email addresses for parish business. The aim is to have a new domain including the names of both churches, email addresses which can be used for particular posts/functions where appropriate, an online calendar linked to website, a function to allow people to register for alerts etc, which would direct them to items of interest to them on the website (e.g. the newsletter or social events)</p> <p>Do we want to do something for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary? If so a committee would be required. Holy trinity celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June this year.</p> <p>C) <b>LITURGY;</b> Thank you for the comprehensive report. Lawrence apologised for the mix up over the date of the meeting. Thanks to Catherine for producing the Holy Week and Easter leaflet.</p> <p>D) <b>BUILDINGS:</b> The room is now available for use and chairs from the hall are being used at the moment. Pauline is looking into furniture for the room. Parishioners should be reminded that it was money from Our Mission Together that funded the new rooms.</p> <p>Some of the ideas on how the rental income from St Columba's presbytery were:-</p> <p>Fr William's parish office to be furnished. St Theresa's presbytery to have a new kitchen, as St Columba's presbytery was updated a few years ago. Possibility of donating money to refugees. Mike is obtaining quotes for the sound system at St Theresa's. A discussion took place. A Peace garden has also been mentioned by a parishioner, to provide a peaceful setting for priests and parishioners. The roofs at both churches are causing problems. We need to ensure we meet our commitments and look at the whole picture and maximise income. The Finance</p>	<p>Francis</p> <p>Pauline</p> <p>Mike</p> <p>Finance Committee</p>

Committee to look at ideas and Items to be prioritised and then report back to the PC.

The items of furniture from the house at St Columba's are in the garage at St Theresa's, we need to say what is needed and advertise the rest for sale. A big thank you to Pauline for all the hard work she has put in to oversee the building project.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER:** The service at the Parade on Good Friday is at 12.30 and not as stated in the leaflet. The Stations of the Cross would need to be altered to 11.45 on this day.

**INCLUSIVITY:** The report has been circulated. Ann said that the lip on the disabled bays in the car park could have been better.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:** Ann will send a report from this group in the future. There isn't going to be a Musical Evening this year but there is a Family Quiz Night on the 27<sup>th</sup> March at St Theresa's club.

**REPORT FROM FR WILLIAM;** the Altar Servers in both churches are doing very well, with a new one starting at St Columba's last week. More adult help for Richard would be welcome. Fr William thanked Richard for his hard work. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are always reliable. Sincere thanks to those ministers who take Holy Communion to those at home and in care and nursing homes. They are all very committed and this makes the job of the priest much easier. The choir, collectors and counters are all doing well. The bank in Upton is threatened with closure, if this happens it may be easier to use the post office rather than take money to town.

**Daily Masses:** At St Theresa's there is often only one person with the priest at Adoration and about three at St Columba's. At some weekday Masses there are only three or four people, how can we encourage more to attend? It was suggested that we try different times or house Masses. Friday is well attended at St Theresa's.

Fr William asked if there were groups that met weekly in the parish. A discussion took place. Bernard Payne produces a directory of activities. Thanks to those who keep the grounds at both churches nicely.

The common use areas need to be kept clean and tidy in case of fire etc.in order to keep everyone safe. The deacons are a great help to the priests.

**A.O.B:** there has been a change of personnel for safeguarding. It might be an idea to have a separate noticeboard for safeguarding. Thanks to Jane and Claire for their work with safeguarding over the years.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm in St Theresa's club.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

