

# GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

Date of meeting 25th March 2020

This meeting did not take place in Royle House due to the Coronavirus. Father Martin organised a video conferencing session online, this approach will be used for the forthcoming meetings.

Present- Father Martin, Jenny Chesliek, Ann King, Sue Nash, Barbara Payne, Lorraine Doyle, Esme Hall, Christine Hulley.

There were no apologies, however Sandra and Natalie were not able to attend due to the current situation and that Natalie is a key worker. Therefore this would be taken into consideration.

Father Martin opened the meeting with a reading from the evening prayer for that day and a prayer. The Hail Mary was recited by all of the members.

23/20 Correction from the previous minutes included item 19/19 That baptisms would be considered case by case and would be put forward to the PPC for advice.

24/20 In line with the Parish Constitution Father Martin asked if there were any volunteers for the role of chairperson. Following a short period of time for members to consider this it was agreed by the members that Father Martin would be the chairperson for the next twelve months. The role of vice chairperson was next, LD voiced her interest followed by JC, a short discussion followed and it was amicably decided that JC would take the role of vice chairperson and LD would continue her work in finance. Next was the role of the secretary it was opened out to all members; AK voiced her interest and is now the secretary. All officers are now in place. The Executive committee was also agreed SN and CH voiced their interest, it was agreed once again amicably that SN would represent Saint Mary's and BP voiced her interest and it was agreed that BP would represent All Saints.

Matters arising-

25/20 The Christian Service was very successful and Father and other parishioners received some excellent feedback from other church members. CH thought that it could have been even better if we had received the booklets earlier, more people could have been involved including the schools.

26/20 The Sycamore Course has been excellent so far, but has not taken place recently due to COVID-19. Father Martin is waiting for Bishop Patrick to decide on the logistics of those people that were due to be received into the church.

27/20 SN informed the council that she had received tenders and these have been sent to the diocese for approval. The building committee feel that the end of March financial return should be fine.

28/20 SN informed the council that the quinquennial report had been received and that they were very pleased with the report. There were five outstanding items of which four have been completed final item an electrical check will take place on the 13th April 2020.

29/20 The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have dedicated a s a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks' .Meetings have taken place on Tuesdays and Fridays and have been fairly consistent with numbers attending, Those that have attended have found it spiritually uplifting.

30/20 The training led by Paula Bailey for the PPC members was very good, the resources and discussions were received positively. Father Martin has sent an email thanking Paula.

Action- AK to write a letter of thanks to Paula on behalf of the PPC.

31/20 Impact of COVID-19

The bulletins/newsletters will include a link to live streaming of the Mass by Bishop Patrick from his chapel. There will also be live streaming of Mass from Walsingham. The distribution of newsletters to our parishioners who are self-isolating and following government guidelines was discussed at

length. It was decided that it was an important ministry to meet the needs of parishioners. It is going to continue as the newsletter is one of the ways that we can communicate with the parish. SN is co-ordinating the distribution of newsletters for Saint Mary's and BP is co-ordinating the distribution of newsletters for All Saints.

Action-AK to negotiate with SN in the wording for the note.

It was also suggested that we could post the newsletters but with the restrictions of GDPR it was decided to carry on hand delivering the newsletters.

AK suggested that the newsletters could be put on the school websites, this was agreed. AK to contact schools and Peter Brown for an electronic version so that personal information is not shared on the sites.

It was also suggested that some form of comforting words should be included in the newsletter.

Bishop Patrick has sent out guidelines for the priests in the diocese. All priest over seventy years old would not be engaging in any ministries which takes them out of their homes. Father Martin and Father Daniel will be covering the High Peak. There is an emergency number that people can use; Father Martin and Father Daniel will take it in turns to cover the emergency phone. Concerns were raised as to what would happen if either priest needed to self-isolate. At present there is no answer to this, although the Bishop will be constantly reviewing the situation. Father Martin hoped that nursing homes and hospital would provide the necessary protective clothing. Father Martin was proposing that when he was not on call he would attend to funerals. Everyone agreed that this was going to be a difficult time for our priests. Members asked if there was anything that we could do to help with the situation. At present he could not think of anything other than what we are doing already. But there would be two new items for the newsletter this week from Pope Francis. Pope Francis has authorised plenary indulgences and a general absolution as the coronavirus escalates. who are victims of coronavirus, as well as their family, health workers and all others who care for them.

Father Martin is not proposing to live stream any Masses from Royle House. But he did suggest that he could audio stream the Mass. The Mass would only take twenty to twenty-five minutes so the cost of the call would be minimal. The council participated in a test of an audio version of our meeting and it seemed to work well. Father Martin will include something in this week's newsletter with codes and links for people to test the set up.

There are many systems in place in the Glossop area so that people can receive the help that they require. Links could be included on the newsletter for our parishioners.

CH asked Father Martin if she could continue to make sure that the sanctuary lamp was always lit at Saint Mary's. Father Martin supported this action.

JC proposed that we remind people in the newsletter that the churches are closed for private prayer a request from the Bishop.

## Finance

32/20 LD hoped that everyone had received the finance sheets sent. She had not received anything from J Gamble with regards to COVID-19. SN asked if LD could set up a system so that we could have the monthly income and expenditure for each church? LD would look into the possibility of this. LD at present retrieves financial information from Royal House which is organised by Margaret Maloney. Little Beavers are in credit for their utility bills.

Item 7 on the agenda was to discuss the priorities set from the training sessions. This is to be deferred to the next meeting in April.

## Correspondence

33/20 Father Martin sent the council members some information from the bishop with regard to a grant awarded for the Common Good. The Nottingham diocese will receive a share of £50,000 to help parishes grow as confident, outward-looking communities. Everyone was keen to find out more about the initiative and our capacity to find out if it was something that

we could be part of. Father Martin is going to write back and submit our interest.

AK was asked by Father Martin to write a draft for our standing order with regards to the timing and distribution of the agenda and minutes.

AOB Father Martin had received a query about breastfeeding in church during Mass. There is an award which we could contemplate entering if everyone was interested. It was decided that Father Martin would investigate the criteria in achieving this award and nobody had any objections to breast feeding during Mass so long as they were discreet.

Father Martin closed the meeting at 8.32pm with a prayer and we all recited the Our Father together.

The next meeting 29th April 2020