

## GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Present: Father Martin, Ann King, Barbara Payne, Lorraine Doyle, Jenny Cieslik, Christine Hulley and Sue Nash.

Apologies: Sandra and Natalie Mellor-Fallon, Esme struggled to get online

Opening Prayer: Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer, and we all joined in prayer with the Hail Mary.

42/20 Corrections all the typos have been corrected.

In paragraph 39/20 along with the costings of charges made by the funeral directors for the stipends, which are between £195 and £205 and secondly that the diocesan staff would keep in touch with the priests of the diocese.

43/20 Matters arising

- AK to contact D Townend re-church collections for All Saints, St Mary's have already been collected.
- Father Martin's YouTube channel has now 102 subscribers and with 64 ½ hours of watching time viewing the content.

44/20 Finance

LD had previously sent members several financial sheets along with financial data to show comparisons of previous years. This was requested so that we could analysis the impact of COVID-19 and make other comparisons. There were a few queries and amendments to make on the expenses and income sheets for both parishes. The travel, mileage, housekeeping, courses and publications need to be split between both parishes. As the credit card can only be attached to one parish which is St Mary's there are times when monies are owed to St Mary's account. The income from the Christmas Fair was also shared between the parishes. The £16.000 grant from DCC was to repair the roof over the baptistry and the rest was for the repair and work on the wall on Tredcroft street.

Insurances for the churches varies due to St Mary's having two policies, one for the church and one for the parish hall. It was suggested that a virement could be made from St Mary's account to All Saints account to help balance the account. This would be repaid asap.

45/20 COVID-19 grant

JC had received an email from Paul Bodenham the programme leader for Social Action for the Diocese of Nottingham in relation to a grant available from the Albert Gubay Foundation. Paul has attached an application form which needs to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The application form is comprehensive and requires documentation and an audit of accounts. The bishop would also need to agree to the application. Everyone agreed that a grant would benefit food banks to help support families

and other people. There is a real need in schools who are supporting their families who may need food and clothing. SN and CH have offered to investigate the application process.

#### 46/20 Restoration of St Mary's Church

SN gave a short presentation on the update of the restoration of St Mary's, so far. The proposal

has been agreed by the National Churches Trust previously known as the Historical churches Trust. It is now ready to be sent to the diocese, everyone agreed for the proposal of the plans to be sent to the diocese for their approval. It was agreed that the parishioners would welcome an update on the restoration. Father Martin suggested that he would write something for the church bulletin. SN informed the group that the buildings committee had planned to organise a meeting and present a full update to the people of the parishes. This will be organised as soon as the restrictions of public meetings have been lifted.

The finance committee had met, and Moira Hind was happy to be invited to a meeting to discuss Gift Aid but did not want to become a member of the committee. The committee includes Father Martin, Sue Nash, Di Reed and Lorraine Doyle. The constitution for the finance committee has been provided by the diocese and will be followed by the finance committee. The diocese recommends that the committee includes a qualified accountant or someone with a bookkeeping qualification. Father asked the group as to whether they knew of anyone, but no one could think of anyone they knew. Father Martin suggested that he would ask the parishioners through the newsletter. SN informed the group that a significant amount of work involves compliance and it is much broader than income and expenditure. For example, following government guidelines in fundraising.

#### 46/20 Priorities from the training with Paula Bailey

The higher priorities are (which are no specific order)

1. Engaging with Mass and community.
2. Young people and connecting community.
3. Adult formation.
4. First Communion.

(See document for full clarification for the middle and low priorities)

There are many ways in which the parish priest and parishioners are helping to support and connect with the people of the parish during lockdown. Father Martin has a YouTube channel where people can connect to listen to his homilies and meditations. The 'Helping Hands' group are also supporting people who need help with shopping etc during lockdown. Safe and well telephone calls are helping to connect to people who are not able to leave their homes due to self-isolation and shielding.

A suggestion was made in which all members agreed, was the idea of people in care homes being able to receive the Mass online with the Bishop on YouTube. This could be organised by the care home staff if the care home had a supply of ipads or laptops for Catholics to access the Mass.

PC refurbishments are to be contacted to find out if they could help in any way. The managers of the care homes would also be contacted once we knew we were able to supply laptops or ipads. This would avoid clergy or parishioners entering care homes during lockdown and so that people could have access to the Mass.

Newsletters are still being delivered to some parishioners and are gratefully received.

JC informed the group that she had put on more links onto the Glossop Catholics Facebook page. JC came up with the idea of people making short videos of themselves reading their own intercessions for a Mass. These could be part of a Mass if the Mass was live streamed; this was to be investigated as a possibility.

CH has texted the St Mary's altar servers (with permission from parents) to check if they are ok etc.

Adult formation could be delivered more widespread as Walsingham diocese have been given a license for the Sycamore course, this information could be shared with the schools and parents. Informal get togethers was also included as a way forward to meet up with parishioners and parents.

The St Ralph Sherwin Trust often send links to the schools, CH has been asked to send any useful links to Father Martin. It was also suggested that we would like to invite a speaker to Glossop in the future, some parishioners also enjoy visiting other parishes for training or talks.

Father Martin has included pictures made by the children from St Mary's onto his YouTube channel.

A lot of the points mentioned from the training would be addressed post COVID-19 and asap.

BP asked if we had heard anything from the diocese with regards to the opening of the churches. Father Martin responded that nothing definitive at the moment. But it would be when the government had decided and we would need to follow government guidelines, at the start it would most probably be for private prayer only. It was also suggested that we could have a Mass outdoors.

Deanery meetings were still taking place through video conferencing.

Father Martin would also like a Mission in the future this was also endorsed by the group. It could also co-inside with the finish of the restoration of St Mary's.

There are also many points for the committee to consider for the future.

Correspondence- none

AOB none

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer, and everyone joined in with the Our Father.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

The next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020