

GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

16/9/20

MINUTES

PRESENT- Father Martin, A King, S Nash, B Payne, C Hulley, L Doyle, N Mellor-Fallon, J Cieslik and E Hall.

Apologies- S Mellor-Fallon

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

The letter and proposal for the trustees was distributed to the members of the Glossop Parish Council before the meeting by Father Martin; so that the members could have time to consider the contents of the development plan and letter in preparation of the extraordinary meeting.

1/9/20

The first discussion was around the wording on line 168 item 8.

‘they would consider it a breach of their trust if,’

Following a short discussion, it was decided to keep the wording as it is.

2/9/20

The Laudato Si’ programme was something that we wanted to continue with next year.

3/9/20

On the plan Q2 2021

It was agreed to change the wording from-

Conversations with deanery and Academy Trust about chaplaincy and youth worker to-
Conversations with the deanery, schools and SRSCMAT about chaplaincy and youth worker.

3/9/20

A question was asked as to whether this was just a plan for St Mary’s, the plan is primarily about St Mary’s Church, but there are elements that include both churches.

4/9/20

With regards to the Redemptorist mission, we now have the dates, which are as follows-

26th March- 1st April 2022 and the preparation weekend is 12th and 13th February 2022.

5/9/20

Everyone agreed to adopt the Development Plan July 2020- December 2023 and the letter to the trustees.

6/9/20

AK apologised that this item had been omitted from the previous meeting.

The focus of the discussion was around the numbers of people able to attend Mass at St Mary's church, and to decide if the capacity of the congregation could be increased. The consensus was that the church was bigger and could possibly increase numbers safely. There would be a slight impact on cleaning but from the discussion that followed, this would not be a barrier. CH proposed that they could open the pews on the confessional side of the church. This was thought to be a good idea and CH would be willing to clean the extra benches.

LD commented with the rise of COVID cases that we would need to be cautious and make sure that people continued to feel safe with the changes.

BP commented that some churches were interpreting the guidance very differently, this was agreed.

Action- Father Martin to contact the diocese to confirm the safe distancing rule of 2 metres.

SN and other felt that S Hind should be involved in the decision of the capacity for Mass as he had led the opening of the church for Mass at St Mary's Church.

Action- SN to contact S Hind to look at drawing up a new plan with the group.

A comment was made that due to the start of music and a small choir in church may help to increase numbers.

7/9/20

Due to the decrease in numbers for private prayer at All Saints on Saturdays and at St Mary's on Mondays these would no longer continue.

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

The next meeting Wednesday 30th September at 6.30pm