

GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

26/8/20

MINUTES

PRESENT- Fr Martin, A King, S Nash, B Payne, C Hulley joined the meeting during item 2/8/20, E Hall, L Doyle, N Mellor-Fallon joined the meeting during item 2/8/20.

Apologies- J Cieslik, S Mellor Fallon

Opening prayer and reading led by Father Martin.

1/8/20 Matters arising

Funerals in church will be taking place following the latest government and diocesan guidelines. We have a few stewards, but more stewards would be very welcome.

Action-SN to scribe a piece for the parish newsletter with regards to new stewards for funerals.

The Christmas Fair was discussed, and it was agreed that the parish centre would not allow sufficient space for the required social distancing.

Action- AK to investigate the possibility of other venues.

2/8/20 Finance

All Saints seem to be running at a loss. A water bill has arrived which appears to be larger than normal, Father Martin has looked at previous bills and invoices and there has been a significant increase in the bill. It was suggested that these bills have been estimated and we might be presently surprised once the meters have been read. However, it does require further investigation. A Stroger will be asked to read the meters and investigate the use of water from the Little Beaver Childcare Ltd. It was also decided to review the leasing agreement when it is due for renewal.

A water bill of £492 has been received for St Mary's presbytery which has been closed for some time. LD was asked to send the bill to the diocese in order to reconcile the situation.

It was agreed that all bills to be split between both churches when it is something that both churches benefit from, including all the presbytery bills. For example, the gas bill – a third paid by All Saints, a third paid by Saint Mary's and a third by the church at All Saints.

The collections at St Mary's church have not recently been collected and remain in the safe.

Action-CH to negotiate with the finance team at St Mary's as to who, and when the collections will be banked.

3/8/20 Buildings and maintenance

The buildings and maintenance group had a meeting with the Vicar General with regards to the proposal sent to the diocese about St Mary's church. The group were asked to expand the proposal which is similar to a Pastoral Plan. It should include how we will invest in people and not just the church building. The proposal must be written by 21st September 2020; it was agreed to have an extraordinary meeting of the PPC on 16th September.

SN has received an estimate of £1000 for a light to be installed at the Grotto in St Mary's Church grounds. Further investigation will take place as to where the light will be powered from.

4/8/20 Tenancy agreement

Everyone agreed that the annual rent of the land which belongs to All Saints church used by a neighbour should remain the same and be reviewed again next year.

5/8/20 Confessions

JC and CH have agreed to volunteer as stewards for confessions at St Mary's Church. Saturday at 10.00am and Sunday at 4.30pm. It was agreed to have the church open for one hour to facilitate confessions. It was also suggested that people sit for confession and maybe use the sanctuary. It was agreed that the chairs could be sanitised each time they were used. Once again, more stewards would be welcomed.

Action-SN volunteered to write something for the parish newsletter with regards to asking for volunteers to become stewards.

6/8/20 Proposal for weekday Masses

Following many enquiries from people from both churches who would like a weekday Mass. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea and it would be welcomed by the parishioners. It was agreed that Mass at All Saints would be on Wednesdays at 10.00am and Thursdays at St Mary's at 10.00am. This would be announced on the parish newsletter.

7/8/20 Parish Mission

Father Martin has sent a brief for the mission to Fr K Brady and we are waiting for a response. Fr K Brady is a very skilled presenter from the Redemptorist. It would probably take place around Easter.

8/8/20 Correspondence

The insurance company are happy with the arrangements made by the parish to deter trespassers and keep people safe.

Action- Father Martin will follow up the complaint made by a neighbour with another phone call, to emphasise the outcomes of the strategies that have been put in place.

No further correspondence.

9/8/20 Chairpersons items

None

AOB

Action- AK to send a draft of the minutes to all PPC members to verify and suggest any changes. Also, to save time at the meeting and then they can be ratified by members.

Action- AK to send all previous minutes to P. Brown to be included on the Glossop Catholics Website.

The proposal for the trustees of the diocese to be sent to all PPC members to review and to make any suggestions. Suggestions can also be sent to the buildings committee before the draft proposal.

Date for the extraordinary PPC meeting 16/9/20, this maybe rescheduled.

Date of next PPC meeting 30/9/20

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer and a reading from the Evening Prayer of the day.