

GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

30/9/20

Minutes

Present Father Martin, B Payne, A King, S Nash, C Hulley, J Cieslik, L Doyle, E Hall

Apologies S. Mellor-Fallon

Not present Natalie Mellor-Fallon

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

1/9/20 the extraordinary meeting minutes of 16/9/20 and the PPC minutes of the 26/8/20 were ratified.

2/9/20 Matters arising- all the documents for the proposal for St Mary's Church have been sent to the trustees of the diocese and to Father Joe.

3/9/20 Finance- LD had circulated the finance sheets before the meeting, LD indicated that the weekly collections in both churches had seen an increase. LD to investigate the process of the online portal for financial contributions as no one had any information.

SN had sent an email containing various questions with regards to finance for LD, unfortunately LD had not received them. The date of printing of the finance reports for the meeting is as close as possible to the end of the month. As meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month therefore it is not for the whole of the month. There seems to be some confusion over the restricted collections, the high figures for All Saints could be the monthly 100 club, this was to be investigated. There were other questions which could not be answered due to the constraint of time and evidence to hand. LD has sought advice from the diocese about splitting of costs as it is very time-consuming working on an incredibly old quicken package. The diocese advised that it was up to the parish priest as to how it is completed. Father Martin thanked Lorraine for her work. Any points mentioned and questions not completed at this meeting will be deferred to the next meeting in October.

4/9/20 Buildings and Maintenance- BP informed the group that everything for the proposal for St Mary's was completed and sent on time and that we are awaiting a response from the trustees of the diocese. Fr Martin had investigated the lights for the grotto and suggested that we use LED light which would be cheaper to purchase and energy saving.

5/9/20 Confessions- CH, JC and Fr Martin informed the group that the system put in place was going well. However, CH did ask if the confessions could take place somewhere else in the church as the weather was only going to incur poor conditions for people waiting outside. There was no decision made about relocating confessions. They are taking place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month between 10am and 10.30am.

6/9/20 Private prayer- AK suggested that we have more Masses now that people are happy to come to church during this pandemic. There are more people attending Mass during the week at present. Following much discussion, it was decided to leave the rota in place for the following week and start w/b 12th October. The following rota was suggested-

Monday Private prayer at STM at 10 am

Tuesday- No services in any church

Wednesday- Mass at AS at 10am

Thursday- Mass at STM at 10am

Friday – Mass at AS at 10am

Saturday- Mass at AS at 6pm

Sunday- Mass at STM at 10.30am

Therefore, there would no private prayer at All Saints.

7/9/20 Mass

The choir reported that it was cold where that were sitting in church following a conversation with S Hind it was decided to keep the doors closed in this section.

Places at STM fill up very quickly, AK asked as to what the decision was following our last meeting about using more benches in another part of the church. The STM group had come to a decision that the booking of seats could be improved by couples from the same household sitting together increases the numbers of seat available in church.

8/9/20 Baptism. The baptism at AS was a lovely occasion, the family were very appreciative that the baptism could take place in church.

9/9/20 Fundraising. BP asked as whether we could agree that the Christmas Fair was to be cancelled this year due to the restriction with COVID 19. Everyone agreed that this was the right decision. A discussion took place about the possibility of keeping the Christmas Draw, BP to contact B. McMylor and M Maloney with regards to the draw. A suggestion was made to print half the amount of the tickets that are normally printed. L Nash to be included once contact with Bernard had been made as he holds the license.

10/9/20 Items from the chairperson- Father Martin will be taking his summer holiday from Monday the 5th October and will be back late Friday.

11/9/20 Correspondence-

- T Wright had received an email from one of the neighbours who leases part of the grounds. She wanted to know if anyone from the church would be available to help her in controlling the brambles on the plot of land. In his reply he stated that there was no mention on the lease that there would be any support for maintenance.
- Father Martin had received a form from the diocese asking for the attendance at Mass for both churches, Father Martin to forward the form to SN and AK.
- Maddy Brown had enquired as to whether we should continue with the remembrance candle for each church. Everyone decided that this was to continue, and JC would get in touch with Maddy.
- Father Martin had received an email from someone on Hurst close who was concerned that we were still using wax candles and not plastic battery-operated ones.
- The Glossop Furniture Project have asked if we could circulate that they are looking for new members for their board of trustees. This will be added to our newsletter. The Youth Service are offering fifteen young people, three 45-minute sessions or one two-hour session. St Mary's Hall could be the venue, CH to investigate this offer.

- Father Martin has been sent 34 pages of new updated guidance; this will be sent out shortly.
- The diocese is reviewing the care of the sick and retired priests.
- Adult formation- There will be a zoom meeting with Joe Hopkins on the 19/10/20 for catechists.

AOB

The purchase of palms was discussed, we need to decide on how many palms we need and the cost of palms, if it is around £80, we can go ahead. CH to action.

The first funeral took place at St Mary's this was done with using the guidelines from the diocese. The Doodle poll did not work out to be successful, Father Martin to investigate this.

Pat and Brenda are happy to steward funerals at St Mary's.

AK informed the council that there is a section on the website for the PPC and minutes, P Brown has put some of the minutes onto the website.

Date of next meeting- 28th October

Father Martin closed the meeting with prayers.