

GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

28/10/20

Minutes

Present Father Martin, B Payne, A King, S Nash, J Cieslik, L Doyle, N Mellor Fallon

Apologies S. Mellor-Fallon, C Hulley, E Hall

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

2/10/20

a) The PPC minutes of the 30/9/20 were ratified.

b) Matters arising-

- The offer of places for the Youth Service is not being pursued due to the impact of COVID -19 restrictions.
- SN to send the numbers for Mass at St Mary's to Fr Martin.
- JC has contacted Maddy Brown re- the remembrance candle, this is in hand.
- Fr Martin to send the new guidance for Mass and other services to the stewards.
- CH has sought the price for the palms and the price includes both churches and will now order the palms.

3/10/20 Finance

LD had previously circulated the finance sheets to all members. LD has sent an email which should have clarified some of SN's queries. SN did not receive the email; they will each send a test email to check the addresses are correct. The charges for the insurances for both churches have been delayed, however both churches are insured, and certificates should arrive soon. The collections for St Mary's seemed to be low compared to All Saints, this is because D Townend banks more frequently.

4/10/20 Buildings and maintenance

Confidential item

Fr Martin informed the group that Canon Wheat had told him that the trustees had agreed to the proposal with certain conditions. Fr Martin has not received the minute from the Trustees meeting as yet, this could take a while, perhaps not until the minutes are signed off as a true record. However, this is good news. Canon Wheat said the diocese will appoint four people to support and monitor the implementation of the pastoral plan and the opening of the church to community use. Joe Hopkins, the adult formation advisor, is one of the four. Canon Wheat expects some actions to start as soon as possible, rather than once the repair work is done. The diocese will review the current situation of the churches in the High Peak in four years. A vote of thanks was given to those who have worked on the proposal for St Mary's Church.

Fr Martin has received an estimated gas bill for St Mary's Church which is more expensive than it should appear. This is due to the meter not being read, Fr Martin has contacted the company and the meter will now be read as it is accessible.

5/10/20 Confessions

Everyone is appreciative of the opportunity to go to confession. The times and days will remain the same.

6/10/20 Mass at St Mary's

Steve Hind has produced some noticeably clear plans for the opening of more of the benches in church, so that more people can attend Mass; this was due to the church being full every Sunday for Mass. It was mentioned that this would incur more cleaning for the stewards, JC agreed that the cleaning could be organised. Fr Martin remind everyone that a new risk assessment would need completing and sent to the diocese for approval. JC was asked to contact the working group and make the necessary changes on the risk assessment. JC agreed.

There was vote at Mass as to whether they keep the same format in receiving communion and the Mass or to change it. It was unanimous that people wanted to keep the same format.

7/10/20 Mass at All Saints

The stewards have noticed that there is a considerable draught from the entrance to All Saints Church, which makes it unpleasant for those sitting at the back of church. It was suggested that we try and put the blue partition in place to see if it makes any difference as the doors must remain open for ventilation. AK suggested that before Mass Fr Martin could reinforce the message about communion and the role of the stewards as some people are being forgetful, and we need to be more vigilant. BP agreed that a reminder would be useful.

8/10/20 Fundraising

Fr Martin has spoken to B McMylor and the result of the discussion was that the Christmas draw would not take place in the usual way. Fr Martin pointed out the diocese would not be in favour of setting up another online giving system. The present online system is for collections and could not be used to set up a sub account for fundraising. It was decided to distribute envelopes for people to contribute a sum of money that that they would normally give to the Christmas Fair. SN and BP are to write something for the newsletter explaining the envelope system.

9/10/20 Items from the chairperson

- Fr Martin informed us that Fr John's suspension has been lifted following the processes undertaken.
- Now that most things have been dealt with regards to the Masses, we are now to resume our pastoral topics. JC felt that the pastoral topics are important for the communities of our parish. AK to attach the outcomes of our training along with the agenda for the next meeting.
- The Bishop informed Fr Martin that there is a new student for the priesthood in the Nottingham diocese- his name is Greg Tobin.
- The preparation for marriage by the Marriage Care Group are now trialling an online version, Preparing Together Anywhere. The candidates will be given a certificate on completion of the course. This can be completed two or three years before the marriage.

- S Ratcliffe has sent another email complaining about the noise from children at the grotto. Access to the grotto from the back is where the children visit. Plans to block off access to the back of the grotto are to be discussed with the relevant parties.
- Faith in Families Christmas Appeal will not be able to go ahead as usual. They are asking each parish to raise £10,000; a poster will be displayed in the churches. Liz Nash to add something on the newsletter.
- Marriage tribunal- they are looking for volunteers to train as auditors, a description of the role is available from Fr Martin. The person would have to be recommended by the parish priest. The group were asked to think of anyone they may know who may be interested.
- There is a consultation from the diocese with regards to the restoration of the Cathedral hall.
- Sarah Rudd has sent an email about the various possible solutions for the children to make the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Following a discussion of various scenarios, it was decided to contact Sarah and suggest having the Mass in school. Fr Martin will investigate the possibility of this solution. NMF informed us that there are three children at All Saints that may receive the sacraments.
- There was an incident in St Mary's church involving a member of the church and a musician, everyone agreed that his conduct was not acceptable. Fr Martin to speak with this person asap.
- Permission was granted to St Mary's School to put up a banner for their open day, on the railings adjacent to the parish hall. On condition that the banner could be removed when needed.

AOB Christmas Masses to be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting 25/11/10

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer and reading.

