

GLOSSOP JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

30/12/20

Minutes

Present Father Martin, B Payne, A King, C Hulley, J Cieslik, L Doyle, E Hall, N Mellor-Fallon, C Hulley

Apologies S Nash, S. Mellor-Fallon

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

1/12/20 Amendments to the minutes were completed

2/12/20 Matters arising from the previous minutes-

- Confessions have resumed and take place at All Saints Church every Saturday morning at 10.00am.
- It was decided that it would be safer for Monsignor Jonathan to celebrate a Christmas day Mass at St Mary's hall as it is all on one level with no steps.
- Father Martin has taken photographs and a video of the interior of St Mary's Church before the work started.
- Most items needed for Mass have been removed from St Mary's church, apart from Father Martin's vestments. C Hulley has volunteered to take the vessels needed for Mass to the hall when needed. A box will be made available to keep the Missal safe in the hall.
- The steps outside the hall have not been painted yet but would be beneficial for those people with visual impairments.
- Sue O'Connor has removed the weeds near the church wall, the graveyard will be discussed in due course

3/12/20

The minutes were ratified.

4/12/20 Finance

L Doyle had previously distributed copies of the finance sheets to the members of the PPC. An invoice for professional fees for the church repairs was received and paid in June. S Nash awaited approval from the diocese before SN could claim the VAT back. Further roof repairs are needed at St Mary's which will cost in the regions £4900. L Doyle has investigated this, and the church has enough funds to cover the cost. If there was to be a time lapse between the return of VAT costs and invoices that need to be paid it was suggested that a loan from All Saints account could be put in place. Collections have generally increased and on average are reasonable compared to earlier in the year.

5/12/20 Buildings and Maintenance

B Payne gave an update about the restoration for the St Mary's Church, the work is moving forwards both on the exterior and interior of the building. S Gill has inspected a section of the roof and has suggested a cherry-picker which can reach the roof etc and would be cheaper than scaffolding. The time scale for the project is approximately 33 weeks and could be finished by Easter.

6/12/20 Pastoral theme- Young people and connecting communities

It was suggested that Father Martin could include something on the newsletter for schools so that the church is making a connection with the schools. The group mentioned again the idea of headteachers attending meetings from time to time, this could co-inside without pastoral theme. Father Martin has invited the schools to organise Mass in schools, this is something for schools to consider. As there are no Masses in church on Tuesdays this could be a day for Mass in schools, this could be for a class/bubble and then broadcast live to other classes.

The Youth club was mentioned as to whether it had re opened in September, but due to restrictions they have not had meetings. But C Hulley has kept in touch with Samuel Klemperer who is the youth leader at St Luke's Glossop, and they are considering alternatives provision. One idea was to use the experience of the Briars and maybe contact the Briars for support.

The WHY course for parents was mentioned, Fr Martin to find out if we can use the resources on WebEx.

Another idea was to contact the schools if they could ask parents if they had any family members who would like the parish to pray for them. We could extend this maybe and have a prayer portal on the website.

The Pop-Up shop idea taken from a previous meeting could be something that we could investigate in the future.

Fr Martin raised a thought about children who are not catholic that attend our schools, and catholic children who do not attend catholic schools. It was agreed that it is something that we can explore at our next meeting as there were still items on the agenda to address.

7/12/20 Items from the chairperson

Now that Derbyshire are in tier 3 Fr Martin has put together a poster for the notice boards in the churches. It explains the guidelines for attending Mass.

8/12/20 Correspondence

AK had no correspondence

- Fr Martin is going to forward the insurance checklist to the buildings committee.
- Fr Martin had received a Winter weather risk awareness– i.e., clearing, and gritting paths
- The monthly letter from the bishop included a note that research has shown that in well ventilated buildings, people are 70% less likely to contract Coronavirus.
- Fr Martin has received a letter of thanks for the collection for Peter's Pence.
- A tutor from Adult Education in Glossop has asked if we have a place for a student/s who are embarking community projects. Fr Martin to investigate if S O'Connor would like some help or/and if the student/s could offer any ICT skills.
- Bishop Patrick informed Fr Martin that of an ordination of a new parish priest for the Nottingham Diocese.
- Adult health Organisation have offered to send booklets about COVID, Fr Martin to ask for forty copies which will be distributed to the people who receive the parish newsletter drops.
- We have been informed of a Manchester Festival 2022 from Christian leaders. The proposal is to hold the event in Wythenshawe Park. A discussion followed and it was decided that we would thank them for the invite, but we would not be taking part this time as it was quite a distance to travel.

AOB none

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

