

GLOSSOP JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

25/11/20

Minutes

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

Apologies S. Mellor-Fallon

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

1a/11/20 Matters arising from the previous minutes- an update for the gas meter reading at St Mary's, the gas company are now able to read the meter.

Confessions will resume as before depending on the planned work at St Mary's Church.

Offering's for both churches is through the online PayPal system, this has been sanctioned by the diocese up to the end of the financial year.

Fr M has received some good news that a couple from Glossop who were married overseas, have used the Marriage Care service and they found it extremely useful.

Fr M informed the group that he had received one volunteer for the Diocesan Trust Tribunal service to assist with interviews, Fr M thanked that person at the meeting.

With regards to an incident at St Mary's Fr M has spoken to the person involved in the incident and were given suitable words of advice.

Bishop Patrick has asked that we encourage people to think about the Christmas Octave and attend Mass before Christmas which would help with the numbers expected at the Christmas Masses.

An alternative suggestion was the 12 Days of Christmas as another approach when people can go to Mass instead of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Fr M has agreed to write the list for the Masses. Everyone agreed that it is vital that we communicate the days and times of Mass, so that everyone is aware of the situation, including the local newspaper, church newsletter, Facebook, Parish web site and word of mouth.

The suggestions put forward was that if the Parish Hall were to be used for Mass over Christmas then the Christmas Eve Mass would be at St Mary's Parish Hall and another Mass at St Mary's Parish hall on Christmas Day. Monsignor Moore has offered to help with Masses over this period. Therefore, Monsignor Moore would say Mass at All Saints on Christmas Day. Fr M to speak with Monsignor Moore. It was also discussed that children should be welcomed at any Mass.

The diocese is organising a Virtual Carol Service, Fr M was asked to choose one member of the parish to read one of the scripture readings and record it, this has already been completed.

1b/11/20 The minutes were ratified.

2/11/20 Matters arising from the Extraordinary meeting, only one outstanding, Fr M to take photographs of the interior of St Mary's.

3/11/20 The minutes for the Extraordinary meeting were ratified.

4/11/20 Finance- LD asked about the fundraising online portal, as to when will we know how much has been raised. Fr M replied that he thought that data would arrive periodically over the next few months. The Christmas offerings would as normal be for the parish priest.

5/11/20 Buildings and Maintenance- SN reported back to the council that a meeting had taken place between the architect and the contractors. They will write a letter of intent to the diocese and once completed; work

will start as soon as the contractors are ready to start. It could be at any time that the work could start at St Mary's.

Quotes for the new kitchenette are being sought.

The Grotto lights at St Mary's – Fr M has found a cheaper system which will be cheaper to run.

6/11/20 Review of Mass in St Mary's hall. Fr M, Andrea Stroger and Steve Hind met in the Parish hall to look at the plan drawn up by Steve to accommodate the Masses for St Mary's. The counter will become the altar and some blue screens will provide the backdrop, rather than kitchen appliances. Fr M will take everything needed to celebrate Mass. The lectern needs some modification, CH offered to contact T Beresford to ask for his advice. The lighting outside the parish hall has been reviewed and one light needs some attention, but apart from that the B&M group are happy with the lighting outside. The edging of one of the steps will be painted yellow so that it is more visible.

JC was concerned about the fairness of the booking system for the weekend Masses. We can only book seven days in advance. Hopefully with the 12 days of Christmas Masses everyone will be able to attend Mass at some point.

Masses will start next week as the National lockdown comes to an end.

7/11/20 Review of the Pastoral themes from the training in February 2020. The decision was made to focus on one of the higher priority headings- **Young people and connecting communities**. This will be the theme for the next meeting on 30/12/20. One good suggestion was made by SN, all of our parishioners could be invited to send a virtual Christmas Greeting/Message by video on their mobile phones and send them to Fr M who would then put them together on YouTube. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. It was also mentioned that due to COVID restrictions and the possibility of passing the virus to others, Christmas cards were not to be left in church.

Action AK to write something for the newsletter with regards to Christmas cards.

8/11/20 Fundraising- Fr M took part in a virtual fundraising presentation from an American company who gave suggestions and ideas. It was suggested that people need to understand why funds are needed and a thank you. Another idea was that families share photos of themselves with a crib, maybe this could be something that the schools could be involved in. SN had produced a fundraising plan in the past, this could be included at a meeting.

There will need to be a big push on fundraising for the work at St Mary's.

Fr M has received one cheque for what would have been the Christmas Fair. We are not going to continue with the envelopes as once suggested.

9/11/20 Items from the chairperson. – None

10/11/20- Correspondence- AK had received an email from A Wright who is genuinely concerned about the condition of the graveyard which is part of the grounds at All Saints. AK agreed that it does need some attention. It was suggested that the grounds are too much for one person and that the lawn is always kept well. AK asked as to whether the trees have been seen by a tree surgeon. Fr M assured the group that this has been completed and that we are waiting for permission from DCC. Sue O Connor is happy that the weeds against the wall of the church will be removed without using chemicals. Fr M agreed that this would be followed up by the B&M group. Fr M also said that he would speak with S O'C.

Fr Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Date of next meeting 30/12/20

