

GLOSSOP JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

27th January 2021

Minutes

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

Apologies C Hulley, S. Mellor-Fallon

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer and JC read a piece of scripture

1/1/21 Amendments to the minutes were completed

2/1/21 Matters arising from the previous minutes-

- The vessels for Mass are taken every week to the parish hall by CH, this is working well, with thanks to CH.
- The graveyard area adjacent to All Saints Church was discussed at the buildings and maintenance meeting and a quote for the upkeep of this area is being sought.
- The Why course can be used on WebEx, but we will still need a whiteboard/pen/tablet to present the course. The PPC members took part in a trial run at the meeting but the video was disjointed and difficult to watch. However, Fr M will investigate other ways of disseminating the course.
- The adult education tutor has been asked by Fr M to join a WebEx meeting to discuss the details of the project.
- Fr M has requested 40 booklets from the Adult Health Organisation about COVID, we are waiting for this delivery.

The minutes were ratified.

3/1/21 Finance

L Doyle had previously distributed copies of the finance sheets to the members of the PPC.

One of the main items of expense was the work on the guttering at All Saints Church with a cost of £540.

Work has been completed on the roof and guttering for St Mary's Church with a cost of £4.900.

The work on the parish hall roof and the guttering has been completed at a cost of £650.

The Little Beavers are in credit by £4969.

LD was thanked for her work on the finances for both churches.

4/1/21 Buildings and Maintenance

SN report -The work on St Mary's Church continues to make progress-the assembling of the scaffolding should be completed by the end of the week so that the plaster can be taken off. The electrician will shortly look at the wiring etc.

The pointing work by Mr Gill will be completed when the weather is more suitable.

Fr M reminded those involved that the meter readings still need to take place.

BP report -A quote is expected imminently for the maintenance of the grounds adjacent to All Saints church.

The kitchenette for Royle House is ongoing, it maybe spring before the work starts.

There is some dampness near the confessional this will be rectified in the spring.

5/1/21 Pastoral theme- Young people and connecting communities

It was agreed that we need to try and support schools and it would be useful if we had some data- e.g. How many baptised Catholic pupils and how many non-Catholic pupils attend our schools.

Action AK to contact schools.

CH has attended a webinar run by NRCDES for catechists who are involved in the sacrament of confirmation. CH had mentioned to Fr M that that in her opinion it would be better to wait until the next available time. The relationships that are developed through the course are paramount as is face to face interaction. EH agreed that face to face meetings are more productive.

Due to COVID restrictions and the restrictions placed upon the catechists we are still waiting to see if /when the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are going to take place this year.

JC enquired if we could arrange for schools to put a section on the parish newsletter about their school.

This had been done previously but had stopped for unknown reasons. But as JC suggested it would be interesting for our parishioners to read something about our schools. AK will contact All Saints Primary and St Mary's Primary schools along with St Philip Howard secondary school to ask if they would be willing to write a piece for the parish newsletter. AK suggested an article per month for each school so that we did not over burden the staff. A website link or newsletter link for each school could also be added to the newsletter.

6/1/21 Items from the chairperson

1. There have been no Baptism classes recently. Fr M suggested that we wait until after lockdown, another suggestion put forward was to do the course online. This could be a possibility, parents would be expected to complete the course and attend Mass. However, if there was more than one sibling in the family which followed closely to the first baptism, then they may not need to attend the course. This would be under Fr M discretion. Much discussion followed; it is compulsory for parents to attend a course before a child is baptised. Several members at the meeting agreed it was difficult to make a judgement, but they were fearful of losing families if they did not meet the criteria. As families have varying degrees of knowledge, family issues, dispositions, and circumstances. Fr M agreed to send out the information that he sends to parents to the PPC members. Fr M reminded the group that the parents need exposure to the gospels through the attendance at Mass when possible during these COVID times.
2. Fr M has received a phone call from Bishop Patrick to inform Fr M that he had been nominated to attend -Divine Renovation. Fr M had a forty-five-minute interview and was later informed of his success in gaining a place on this course. SN concluded that this ties very well with the proposal sent to the diocese for the future of St Mary's church.

7/1/21 Correspondence

AK had no correspondence

- Fr Martin has received his new DBS from the diocese.

AOB

Ash Wednesday will take place before our next meeting, it was agreed to have Mass at All Saints in the morning and a service in the evening at All Saints.

Holy Week will be discussed at our next meeting- 24th February 2021.

Father Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

