

GLOSSOP JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 28th April 2021

Present- Fr Martin, A King, J Cieslik, B Payne, C Hulley, S Nash

Apologies- L Doyle, E Hall, S Mellor-Fallon

Did not attend- N Mellor-Fallon

Minutes

Father Martin opened the meeting with a prayer

1/4/21 Amendments to the previous minutes were completed and noted.

2/4/21 The minutes were ratified as an accurate account.

3/4/21 Matters arising following some discussion it was decided that a sign for the carpark was no longer needed. We have no start date yet for the on-line baptism course to take place. There are four families that intend to have their child baptised and two families that have enquired about the possibility for baptism.

4/4/21 Finance BP had spoken to P Greenhalgh if he knew of anyone who would take over the book-keeping for the finances of both churches. The person suggested was not able to take up this voluntary role. Following much discussion, it was decided to put an article in the parish newsletter. Action- Fr Martin. The article will run for two alternate weeks. If this is not successful, the diocese will be contacted. The recruitment process will be led by BP, SN and LD.

SN volunteered to contact D Blake to check if he had any contacts.

5/4/21 Buildings and Maintenance update- SN reported that the lease for Little Beavers is ongoing. The architect is pleased with the progress and reported that they are on track for the completion of St Mary's restoration work, they are hoping that it will be completed in July 2021. Stage two will be the next schedule of work and the cost of this work will go out to tender. Grants and fundraising will be sought to help finance this stage. We are hoping this can be completed without closing the church

BP gave an update for AS- Sue who maintains the grounds with the help from JC has the contact telephone number for the gardener. To maintain the grave area and other jobs that need doing. The kitchen work at Royle House is on hold. Some pointing at the church will be completed once the weather improves.

An official opening and Mass by the Bishop at STM was suggested and an invite to be sent Fr Greg. The date suggested was the 15th August 2021.

Action-Fr Martin.

The church would need cleaning and items, statues etc put back before the church could reopen.

6/4/21 Pastoral theme- Children at Mass and not at Mass

Some of the children that are making their First Holy Communion are attending Mass. There are families that regularly attend Mass at St Mary's, there are two toddlers attending Mass at All Saints. Fr Martin has invited the headteachers to make arrangements for Mass. It was suggested that now the restrictions are easing due to COVID that the schools could use Tuesdays for Mass. In school or in church which ever is most appropriate. Fr Martin is happy to go into schools so long as there are risk assessments in place for visitors.

Action- AK to contact schools.

A leaflet drop was suggested so that people knew the times and days for Mass and were welcome. The schools reach out to families using the Wednesday Word, an A4 double sided booklet which is sent on-line at the moment. It includes the gospel of the week with quizzes and a colouring activity for the children. There are notes to support parents with the reflections of the gospel etc.

A day of prayer for our schools was another suggestion.

Action CH to look at the liturgical calendar for a suitable date.

7/4/21 Items from the chairperson

A senior leadership team for the Divine Renovation course was suggested so that certain areas can be covered on a weekly basis. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting. We were asked to pray for the intention of Divine Renovation.

A webinar is coming up for the Divine Renovation – The Holy Spirit's Role in Renewing the Church. Father Mike Schmitz will lead this on the 2nd June at 5pm. Fr Martin will send the booking forms.

8/4/21 Correspondence

AK none, Fr Martin had received a complaint that he had asked people to cover their noses with their masks.

AOB

JC informed us that there was to be a litter picking event in Glossop.

It was noticed that the church organ at All Saints has some keys that did not sound right. Richard has been asked to write a report with A Wright which will include the problems. Following this an independent specialist recommended by the diocese will be asked to come and inspect the organ. It was agreed that we should try and repair the organ, even if it required extensive fundraising.

St Mary's organ was dismantled before work started.

SN noted that the tiles at the grotto at STM have been pulled off, it maybe an idea to replace them and cover the grotto with Perspex. Fr M informed the group that a criminal number should be sought.

Closing prayer

Meeting finished at 8pm.

Date of next meeting- 26th May 2021

Closing prayers