

The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting held 25th August 2021

MINUTES

Opening prayer by Father Martin and the reading by Lorraine Doyle.

Present: Father Martin, Sue Nash, Lorraine Doyle, Ann King, Esme Hall

Apologies received before the meeting: Jenny Cieslik, Barbara Payne, Christine Hulley

Apologies received after the meeting: Natalie Mellor- Fallon, Sandra Mellor-Fallon

1/8/21 Amendments none

2/8/21 Matters arising:

- Fr Martin has received an email confirming the dates for the Parish Mission- May 14th- May 20th 2022.
- From the 15th-17th March Father Kieran will arrange to meet with the schools and attend our PPC meeting.
- SN said that it was important to use social media to spread the news of our forthcoming Parish Mission. Everyone agreed that publicity was key to a successful mission. Fr Martin suggested that the cost of this could match the cost of the mission.
- Fr Martin suggested that we start producing, distributing and publicising the event from January onwards.
- Several companies have been approached to take over the bookkeeping for our parishes. High Peak Business Solutions are due to send a quote. Fr Martin had spoken to other priests as to whether their finance person would be interested but the feedback was unfavourable.
- Fr Martin will shortly be embarking on Part Two of the Divine Renovation course.

3/8/21 The minutes were ratified.

4/8/21 Buildings and Maintenance update

Confessions- The decision to use the confessionals in church has not yet been made due to COVID. AK suggested that once St Mary's Crowned Church is open that the parishioners should have the opportunity to receive the sacrament at the church. Following some discussion, it was decided that Confessions would take place at St Mary's Crowned on Saturday 10.00am- 10.30am and at All Saints on Saturday from 12 noon -12.30pm. These times will start the following Saturday after the opening of St Mary's Crowned. Action- AK to inform JC who organises the stewards for confessions.

Update on St Marys Crowned- In preparation for Mass the church will undergo cleaning, resources brought from the hall to the church, benches put back in place and the microphones checked. The organ will be reassembled this week and the electrician will finish the electrical work and provide the necessary certification. There are a few jobs to be finished e.g., parts of the floor need finishing and cleaning. There is some water ingress from three vents on the roof which need attention. This will require scaffolding and the approximate cost will be £10,000. Annual checks of the roof will continue.

Collections- Collections in church will resume from the 5th of September in both churches. LD volunteered for the Saturday Mass, SN to inform the collectors at St Mary's Crowned.

Mass times: the time for Mass will remain the same, St Mary's Crowned 9.15 am and 11.15am at All Saints. A discussion took place about the attendance at Mass and alternative times, this will be monitored, and a consultation will take place should it be needed. SN suggested that the times for Mass should be put on the front of the newsletter to remind people of the times, this was agreed,

Ground rent: It was decided to keep the ground rent the same for the land used by neighbours of All Saints Church. But arrears collected as soon as possible. LD to inform A Wright as soon as funds are banked.

5/8/21 Divine Renovation/Day of Prayer: Invitations for the Day of Prayer and Reflection have been printed and are now being distributed along with A4 posters. Fr Martin has informed and invited our local church communities who will be welcomed on the day. JC and BP are in the process of organising the day and the newsletter will continue to highlight the event.

SN recommended that we publicise that St Mary's Crowned is now celebrating the Mass. It was agreed that SN to write a press release to celebrate the opening of the church on Sunday 5th September.

The official opening of St Mary's Crowned when Bishop Patrick and Fr Greg will be joining us, it was decided that we would have the refreshments in the parish hall.

Reflecting on the Divine Renovation course, considering our pastoral council constitution, Fr Martin thinks it may be best to implement the executive committee with up to four people to steer the church as a missionary parish along with the parish pastoral council. The group would need to meet on a weekly basis which would require commitment and dedication to the process and outcome. It was suggested that a mixture of online and face to face meetings to be considered following our discussion there were some pros and cons to this. There was a split view on this, so it was decided to wait until people have more time to consider if they feel called to be a part of that group. The PPC members were asked to think about possible parishioners that would take on this role, and most importantly we need to be inclusive, the Day of Prayer and Reflection may also inspire someone. The reading of the book will be required. Fr Martin would ideally like this group to be formed after the Day of Prayer and Reflection.

6/8/21 Items from the chairperson:

- The next course for parents about baptism is highlighted on the newsletter.
- There is a wedding booked for next year.

7/8/21 Correspondence: none

AOB

- SN has spoken to the gardener at St Mary's and the dog warden has been informed.
- Fr Martin has booked some leave for the first two weeks in October, the weekend Masses will be covered by Diocesan priests.

Fr Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be 29th September 2021.

