

# The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Minutes:

Present: Fr Martin, C Hulley, B Payne, L Doyle, A King, L Nash (by invitation)

Apologies: none

Opening Prayer: Fr Martin

Reading: C Hulley

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were amended and accepted

2. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Item 5, BP had contacted the 'Dog Warden', but they only work with lost or wandering dogs, she had visited St Luke's to look at their dog fouling sign, but was unable to find it, she will try again; we might order a sign for SMC grounds.

Item 7, the Flower Arranging Workshop has been postponed.

Item 8, a revised PPC Constitution was tabled for consideration later in the meeting; quite a lot of census forms have been returned to date.

3. **Pastoral Theme – Schools:**

The schools have full calendars, but the HTs are happy to meet with the PPC during an afternoon. All students are able to attend Mass occasionally through their school, the primary children either in school or in church, SPH in church.

The behaviour and responses of the SPH students are improving, the school have produced a Mass booklet for students to encourage participation, students welcome and express gratitude when receiving a blessing.

Fr Martin reported on the experience of another priest whose school where such Masses were optional, and students could 'sign up' if they wished to attend. Discussion ensued around the distinct ethos of a catholic school, including the style and content of the daily act of worship, the expectations of the denominational inspection, and the appropriate attitudes of students with regard to worship and ethos.

Discussion also covered the relationship between the schools and the parishes; the role of chaplain for the local catholic primary schools, currently being recruited, will include parish links. Gaps occur in joint events, planning of events, sharing information, links between newsletters.

A previous suggestion to the SPH Art Dept to produce a graphic local history has not as yet been taken up, but a group are currently working on presenting local history information in the churches. New ideas included children interviewing elderly parishioners on camera (Fr Martin reported this from a previous parish), inviting nuns in to talk to children in the schools, and inviting Fr Don to talk about his experiences in Africa.

#### **4. Update from the Divine Renovation Team:**

The Team, now the Core Leadership Team (CLT), will present the DR vision at Sunday Masses, starting on Divine Mercy Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. The team have prepared a prayer card which will be given out at Sunday Masses and on other occasions.

The CLT will offer coaching for group leaders, and establish a clear vision throughout the various groups. The video watched by the CLT has outlined a vision which has proved very effective in other parishes.

The PPC will take a more strategic role, with longer term planning the area of focus.

##### **Buildings and Maintenance:**

Phase 2 plans for SMC have been revised, and tenders have gone out for these. Some documentation must be prepared and submitted to the diocese prior to a meeting in June. The VAT grants scheme has been extended for another year.

There are some repairs required to the tarmac at SMC due to damage caused by the contractors' vehicles, and also general repairs and maintenance.

##### **Finance:**

No-one has responded to the plea for a Finance person, book-keeping skills are desirable for the role, competence in entering data will be adequate. A new finance system is being trialled in some parishes. A suggestion was made to try to build a team of people with varying skills to fulfil the role.

##### **Update from the Events Coordinator:**

TW and OR have agreed to do talks for Heritage weekend. They suggest that a way to update the AS and SM books would be to ask older parishioners about their recollections of the priests who had previously served the parishes.

The DVD of Outside the City has been bought and the best time to show this would appear to be in the autumn after the clocks go back so that black out facilities would not be required.

There was a recent inter - church litter pick. The equipment is available for our use at future litter picks.

##### **Items from the chairperson:**

PPC training will be arranged when the new PPC begins, so that the members' availability can be checked. JH cannot do Thursdays, PB is no longer doing this training. The revised PPC constitution was considered and agreed unanimously for adoption. Forms for new PPC applicants will be circulated at Masses.

Reconciliation Service, this was discussed at the Deanery Meeting, the deanery is too big for a joint service, April 4<sup>th</sup> was suggested for a local service. It was agreed instead that Fr Martin would offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Monday morning Mass, 9.00-9.30am, after the Tuesday evening Mass on Monday and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April.

##### **Correspondence:**

None for consideration.

#### **10. A.O.B.**

PG has sent SMC gas bills for consideration. For the drinks after the Easter Vigil Mass, some benches at the back of church will be moved.

Next meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April