

St Mary's Leyland

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2015

PRAYER thinking of the fallen on Armistice Day: Gaye Beirne

WELCOME: Edward Almond [Chair]

PRESENT; Fr Jonathan, Alex Anthony, Edward Almond, Sr Veronica, Christine Lemmon, Sue Mills, Gaye Beirne, Jenny Hollinshead, Pauline Strachan, Tim Sullivan.

APOLOGIES from PPC members: Peter Barron, Jeremy Watson, Lesley Raven.

MATTERS ARISING Minutes from PPC and AGM:

The reports from the different groups were very good and well received. It should be mentioned that any parishioner can come to PPC meetings to listen to proceedings.

MINUTES: accepted as a true record of our last meeting.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS/PARISH EVENTS:

Harvest Festival

2nd session of the confirmation/holy communion programme.

Mass for the deceased.

Fr Jonathan visited Guinea Bissau.

Catenian Annual Dinner Dance attended by the Mayor.

REPORT FROM THE AGM;

This was successfully held with a good attendance by parishioners in a suitable location ie the Narthex. The reports were committed and uplifting. It would be difficult to discuss some PPC issues at an AGM so these would be deferred to the next meeting. It would be interesting to have reports from other parish groups too. Written reports would be welcomed in order to produce minutes.

GUINEA BISSAU;

Fr Jonathan had a very successful and interesting visit. He is producing a slideshow presentation of his visit. Cost; £630.56 flight from Gatwick (with costs to get to Gatwick on top, another £50). Yellow fever injection £60, visa from Portugal 130 Euros, plus Malaria pills &c 43.00) . Met by Fr Celso and had wonderful hospitality, staying in a community of 4. Very friendly people, but many living in poverty. The church is vibrant. Funding is still needed for building work.

FR ABBOT'S VISIT;

Arriving Saturday 14 November and meeting the parish at masses plus 12.15pm meeting with representatives of some groups.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY;

Letters from the Pope and the Archbishop calling for this special Theme starting on 6 December with an inaugural mass at the cathedral in Liverpool. Our church has been chosen as one of three Jubilee Churches. We will have a Jubilee/Holy door, the one nearest the Bell Tower and will be open at specific times for prayer, reflection and events.

Suggestions;

- The door to be decorated and framed to identify it [Hollinhursts to be involved]. Artificial plants/trees to be moved inside when not in use. The door must not be obstructed but the arch could be placed inside the door.
- Box hedges look good making an entrance
- Colours of the flowers could match the banners.
- There will be 4 stations inside church indicated by special banners.
- Suggestion to use the chapels with leaflets available nearby.
- 2 more banners will be displayed by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Programme needs to be organised to include mass times, confessions etc
- Parishioners to be asked to volunteer to ‘man’ the doors.
- Deanery clergy meeting on Thursday.
- Brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door is a sign of deep devotion recognising reconciliation, Eucharist, reflection of the Pope’s letter.
- There could be talks on spiritual and corporal works of Mercy.
- Best days for services; Friday evenings/Sunday afternoons perhaps once per month? First Friday Mass with KSC. Sunday Pilgrimage for different groups.
- Sick and housebound.
- Pilgrimage from each deanery to the cathedral.
- 4 big sessions with guest speakers on Mercy.
- Interactive sessions
- Short talks with discussions.
- Music etc round town eg at the market?
- Need a rota of Lay people to help.
- Clergy of the deanery to discuss when to have the openings.
- Put all information on website
- Leaflets
- Schools involvement? A day for schools – drama, service of prayer and singing

Working party? To include; Fr Jonathan, Sr Veronica, Jenny Hollinshead, deanery rep, school chaplain, Tim Sullivan, choir rep, KSC, servers, Little Church – all as possible members. Sr Veronica to think about who?

First event to be first Friday in December ie 11th December after the inaugural mass with the Archbishop at the cathedral.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING;

Tim to see Martin Smith re Christmas decorations around the church ie star, cribs,

Mass times;

Christmas Eve; 6.00pm mass,	9.15pm carols	10.00pm mass
Christmas day; 8.00am mass	10.00am mass	

Bromiley family to be asked once again to play at 8.00am mass.
 Glow sticks to be ordered for children’s mass and Christmas Eve.
 Penitential service Friday 18 December at 7.00pm
 School’s carol service Friday 11 December at 10.00am – Jenny to speak with Barbara Coulton.
 Monks at chapter 9/10 December.

AOB none

Next meeting for PPC; Wednesday 13 January 2016 @ 7.30pm

Chair; Tim Sullivan

Prayer; Pauline Strachan

Meeting closed at 9.00pm