

## St Mary's Leyland

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 12 July 2017

**PRAYER:** Gaye Beirne

**WELCOME:** Alex Anthony [Chair]

**PRESENT;** Fr Jonathan, Fr Paul, Edward Almond, Christine Lemmon, Sue Mills, Lesley Raven, Tim Sullivan, Alex Anthony, Celia Neill, Sr Veronica, Jean Smith, Gaye Beirne.

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Stephen, Jenny Hollinshead

The meeting began with a presentation by Christine Holmes from the United Reform Church who gave a short talk on Dementia, what to look for, causes and forms of the disease and her role as a 'Dementia Friend'. Dementia awareness is an important aspect and Christine was asking for people to become a friend. South Ribble wants to become a Dementia-friendly borough. Leaflets were left for those interested and will be displayed on the board in the Narthex.

**Item 3 & 4 Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Meeting and matters arising. Minutes accepted and signed by Alex Anthony as a true record. Any matters arising will be discussed in the Agenda items.**

#### **Item 5 Parish Councillors' Report**

Fr Theo has returned to Ampleforth

2<sup>nd</sup> communion mass for all three schools

Garden party

Parishioner's thank you meeting linked to the Called Beyond initiative

Feast of SS Peter and Paul mass with St Mary's and St Anne's Primary schools

Good Shepherd mass with schools of the Diocese

The sound system has been commissioned

Fr Dermot Mills OMI is staying in the Priory House as part of his sabbatical.

Baptism programme is running.

Fr Stephen celebrated the Yr 6 Leaver's Mass at St Anne's

Evening of song with the One Voice Choir at Turpin Green

Midge Hall Methodist Church Golden Jubilee

Wedding of the Bowmans

Vigil on the Park following the Manchester bombing

Yr 11 Leavers Mass at the high school

Taster Day at the high school for new intake

Grandparents Day at the high school

#### **Item 6. Update - Involvement of young people in the Parish.**

Mass was celebrated by St Anne's and St Mary's children together in church on the Holy Day of Obligation, St Peter and Paul's day. It was very beautiful.

There should have been an event with the High school on the Sunday but that didn't take place due to other issues. It was suggested that it could be linked with the feast of Christ the King in November. October through to Easter would be a more suitable time and plan well in advance as schools have a very full timetable and especially when we are trying to invite schools to come together.

Can younger and older ones interact more?

#### **Item 7 Update on Elections**

Request for nominations has been in the Bulletin. Lesley has asked 2 parishioners – Peter Worden and Andrea Thornhill.

A discussion followed on the number of people who should be on the PPC. **Membership will be an item on the next PPC agenda in September. Copy of the constitution will be needed.**

**Item 8 and Item 9-      How to keep in contact with Catholics who do not attend Mass  
'Called Beyond' initiative**

The two are linked together. We have now a working party of 8/9 which met on 11 July. We are part of a pilot scheme which will then be rolled out over the country.

Aim is to treat each other as adults – vocations of being disciples.

8-15 October will be 'Called Beyond' Week. Involves asking people to go beyond their normal lives as discipleship. There will be new and exciting initiatives taking place outside the church property.

The initiative began with a meeting for volunteers in the parish on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

All were asked to talking to others they did not know "What they did in the Parish and Why they did it?"

Impressions; wasn't what was expected, it was good to speak to people we didn't know, enabled people to talk about what they were involved in and why they were.

Fr Jonathan mentioned that many people drift along in life and often don't have a purpose in life.

'Called Beyond' aim is to celebrate, with confidence, our Catholic identity in the present and in the future.

Ideas;

'What if.....' Sessions perhaps presented in the homily at mass. Engage with young people; things are worthwhile, vision of what we are about.

Purpose will be to follow up after the October week.

'It's cool to be a Catholic' – to enable everyone to be confident in our Catholic Faith.

The Faith in Action programme is 'cool' for young people but not necessarily coming to mass. We need to find ways to change the minds and hearts of our youth.

AOB

A parishioner has mentioned that there are no minutes from the last meeting in the Minutes book in the Narthex.

Action; to file the minutes after meetings have taken place and also add them to the church website.

The PPC membership needs updating on the website. JS will arrange to do this to include the new members.

Michael Barrett's Ordination arrangements for Saturday 15 July.

Response to questions; cakes for 10.00am at the latest, hospitality from 8.30am, Priory Club open for space, bar and toilets. Length of the Ordination currently unknown.

Next meeting; Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 7.30pm

Chair: Jean Smith

Prayer: Celia Neill

Meeting closed at 9.00pm