

St Mary's Leyland
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday 24 February 2016

PRAYER: Celia Neill

WELCOME: Tim Sullivan [Chair]

PRESENT; Fr Jonathan, Edward Almond, Sr Veronica, Christine Lemmon, Sue Mills, Gaye Beirne, Jenny Hollinshead, Lesley Raven, Celia Neil.

APOLOGIES: Fr Paul, Fr Stephen, Jeremy Watson, Pauline Strachan, Alex Anthony

MATTERS ARISING from previous Minutes;

No matters arising.

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

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS/PARISH EVENTS:

Mass for sisters at St Catherine's Farington.

Year of Mercy with the Carmelites.

The start of Lent.

CAFOD appeal.

Sacramental Programme.

Catenian/Newman Fund Quiz night.

Focolare community afternoon meeting

Parish Fathers meeting

Item 5; Finances and building work; deferred to next meeting

Update on school initiative for Maundy Thursday

The high school has been asked to get involved with this liturgy plus the HT's of the primary schools have been asked for the primary schools to be involved with the re-enactment of the Passion. KS2 only which will amount to approx. 350 children plus any parents.

Looking ahead to Easter

No fun day this year on Easter Sunday however parishioners will be asked to bring cakes for refreshments after 10.30am mass.

Vigil will be at 8.30am.

Fr Jonathan to decide on whether to have a mass later in the day at 6pm [rather than one at 4pm].

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY; update

- Feb 19 Event went well but there were not many of our own parishioners there. Total 40, 30 from our parish.
- 4/5 March the 24hr vigil. Heating and security needed. Temporary doorbell on side door needed. Main doors bolted down but unlocked. Library available for naps.

Programme;

6pm start Friday until 6pm Saturday.

7.15 opening mass with recently bereaved.

Exposition of Blessed sacrament

Charism by Focolare movement

Refreshments available throughout the 24 hrs.

Timetable for manning the door needed.

Activities happening during the night;

Blessed Sacrament exposition

Chapel - Carmelites

Icon-prayer-Taize

Map of world- prayers and candles

Prayer chain

Office of Readings throughout the vigil; on hourly basis for 20 mins.

Meditation

Prayer for peace, united with everyone all over the world.

- Tuesday 22 March – Reconciliation service
High school – last supper re-enactment.

- 3 April Divine Mercy - Fr Stephen

AOB;

Parishioner concerns re state of cemetery paths –muddy. They are better now after the exceptional weather. Gaye to ask if they are any better since the paths have been scraped.

A publisher [Nordic publishers] has rung offering free diaries. Previous companies have been late with the delivery or they have been of poor quality. We would need them prior to the beginning of the year before people have bought other ones. Lesley to pursue.

Nugent Care [Good Shepherd] mass on Wednesday 4 May at 1pm. Help needed.
Archbishop/Bishop will be coming.

Readers are having a Holy Hour on Thursday 3 March from 7-8pm.

Next meeting; Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm

Chair; Celia Neill

Prayer: Gaye

Meeting closed at 9.20pm