

**St Mary's Leyland**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 30 November 2016**

**PRAYER:** Sr Veronica

**WELCOME:** **Christine Lemmon [Chair]**

**PRESENT;** Fr Jonathan, Edward Almond, Sr Veronica, Christine Lemmon, Sue Mills, Gaye Beirne, Lesley Raven, Jean Smith, Jenny Hollinshead, Tim Sullivan

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Paul, Fr Stephen [arrived later in the meeting], Celia Neill, Alex Anthony, Cuthbert Culshaw

**MATTERS ARISING from previous Minutes;**

**Date** of CTIL meeting re Refugees still to be arranged.

**Michael Barrett's Ordination;** 15 July 2017 @ 11.00am with buffet after mass.

Team to help with arrangements to include the hospitality group and Jean Smith.

His first mass will be in Ormskirk. He will be back over the Christmas holidays.

**St Mary's High School Diamond Jubilee** also on 15 July 2017. To be celebrated in school and will include former pupils and a talent show.

**Welcome in Church; item from the AGM**

Discussion included;

The way that the microphone is used by the readers,

The recent length of the introduction would benefit from being reduced,

An extra bell beforehand would cause chaos, also the timing at 5 minutes does mean that all Parishioners have not arrived

Chatting before mass is beneficial to parishioners who may only meet people at times like the mass.

At the moment of the introduction parishioners should be respectful and listen and allow others to listen.

Change the wording to include "now let's get ready for mass" "mass will begin very shortly"

The response to the introduction has improved at all masses so we should tweak what we have and it should become the culture.

**Encouraging young people to mass and church; item from the AGM**

A council member has been asking young people in her family as to what they, and other young people, would like that would encourage them to come to the mass and church in general. They would be happier if they had some role to play.

Keen to play in the children's band but could they also lead. Giving out instruments and putting them away.

Give out books at the door, greeting parishioners, tidying up at the end of mass, handing out biscuits at coffee after mass.

There is an enthusiasm for the Faith in Action project.

Reading once a month in Mass eg the bidding prayers, also written by the children.

Have the children's Eucharistic prayer.

Needs liaison between the parish and schools in order to get more young people involved. Jenny Hollinshead said she would encourage and link with St Catherine's PS, and Jean Smith as chair of the St Anne's PTA with the St Anne's PS.

Homily for children, singing in the folk group on occasion.

Becoming an altar server.

**Another concern raised** was regarding the dwindling numbers of practicing Catholics on the staff in our schools and that it should be a desirable requisite for employment. This would be discussed at another PPC meeting.

**MINUTES:** accepted as a true record of our last meeting and signed by Christine Lemmon in previous Chair's absence.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS/PARISH EVENTS:**

Harvest Festival

CTIL service

Year of Mercy - Benedictine Life

2 Remembrance Services - Civic and High School [Battle of Somme commemoration]

Launch of Faith in Action programme

Together in Lancashire Conference

Service of Word with One Voice Choir; Remembering the Dead

Bereaved services

Christmas Fair

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS;**

20 December – Parish Confessions/Reconciliation 7pm with the High School [ideas welcome]

Masses as follows –

Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil 9.15pm Candles and Christmas Carols followed by Mass

Christmas Day 8am Mass with music from the Bromiley Family

10am Mass with Music from the Todd family

New Year services –

New Year's Eve 6pm with Te Deum [Prayer to be displayed on screen]

New Year's Day No 9.30am Mass 11.00 am and 4.00pm Masses

Cribs and Star are organised; Martin Smith/Peter Adams

Christmas Cards; note in Bulletin. Jenny Hollinshead with Lesley to organise cards around church.

Charity for card donations also needed. [Aid to the Church in Need/Aleppo]?

Thursday 15 December – St Catherine's Christmas Production 10.00am in church

Friday 16 December - All schools Carol Concert

Sheila Lancaster and Margaret Jordan will decorate the tree in time for the above.

**REFUGEE CRISIS update;**

CTIL meeting still to be confirmed. Further training needed to support refugees. Fr Jonathan has spoken to Blackburn diocese about their support arrangements etc.

One refugee child is in our primary school.

**AOB;**

Fr Stephen distributed a precis of Pope Francis's 'Rejuvenating the Church' document, published by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Muller et al, highlighting the main points in the first 7 pages. Once PPC have had opportunity to read it, the document will be discussed at the next PPC meeting.

A member of the PPC raised an issue regarding the main doors being opened before the end of Mass. Cold air is being allowed into church as a result, which may cause problems for those sitting near the entrance and is lowering the overall temperature inside church. This has consequences and it was felt could result in the heating system 'kicking in' thus increasing bills.

Members of PPC to mention this to the 'Greeting Teams' at all Masses requesting that doors are kept closed until Mass is finished.

Next meeting; Thursday 9 February 2017 at 7.30pm

Chair; Edward Almond

Prayer: Gaye Beirne

Meeting closed at 8.35pm