

**St Mary's Leyland  
Parish Council  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

**PRESENT:** Fr Jonathan, Fr Stephen, Alex Anthony, Jeremy Watson, Sue Mills, Gaye Beirne, Ann Ward, Lesley Raven, Christine Lemmon, Edward Almond, Tim Sullivan.

**APOLOGIES:** Liz McGrath, Sr Veronica, Pauline Strachan.

**PRAYER:** Led by Gaye Beirne

**MINUTES:** Previous chair Peter Barron not in attendance, in Peter's absence minutes taken as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Comments regarding the Way of Life will be covered as an agenda item within this meeting.

**PARISH EVENTS:** Parish AGM, Parish Christmas Fair, Sacramental Programme, Leyland Band Concert, Remembrance Sunday service in church and service in the cemetery on 11<sup>th</sup> November, Ofsted report for the High School, Mass for the bereaved (photo service), Harvest Festival, local community meeting, meeting with politician, St Mary's High School prize giving in church, Catenian Mass, Christ the King Youth Sunday Mass, Vespers for start of year of consecrated life, new boilers installed in the house, Fr Theodore's birthday.

**A.G.M.:** The AGM took place after a Saturday mass which was very straight forward and in summary the general finances and running costs are good.

**WAY OF LIFE:** Some comments have been written in the book and feedback has been positive to the Way of Life initiative. At present the readers are not reading out the Way of Life. It was agreed that this could possibly be done at the start of the bidding prayers with the phrase being pinned to the bidding prayer sheet. The reader could say "we would like to share with you the phrase of the week for the Way of life". Edward, Sue, Christine & Sr. Veronica to discuss this further.

**AOB:** The times of the Christmas masses were confirmed as:

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – 6pm Vigil Mass with carols & 9.15pm Carols by candlelight followed by a night mass at 10pm.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** – 8am mass with Carols & 10am Family Mass.

A discussion took place as to how the 10am family mass could be a special and intimate one for all families but particularly practising families & possibly one's who attend little church. The children could act out the gospel, dressing up and taking a full part in the mass. The little church could prepare over the next 3 Sunday's and Lesley will produce an invite card which could be given to known families in the Parish to encourage them to attend and take part. All times of Christmas masses to be put on the church website but highlight the 10am mass as a special one for families. Lesley will liase with Tim in arranging this and hopefully this event could become a lovely tradition on a yearly basis.

Sue Mill's mentioned that on their visit to Rome they had met Michael Barrett. He has settled in well and really enjoying the experience.

Edward said that tickets are selling quickly for the Parish Dinner. The venue can cater for 120 people maximum but 100 people would be more comfortable.

Edward commented that he was very impressed with the funeral books that have been produced.

Fr Stephen spoke about "Intentional Disciples" which has been discussed previously at the presentation on the future of the parish. An Intentional Disciple is a person who has had an experience of God and uses this as a force of energy and good in their lives. Fr. Stephen suggested we need to identify members of our parish who are waiting to pass on this good news to bring Jesus into the lives of other people.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 @ 7.30pm

**PRAYER:** Gaye Beirne

**CHAIRPERSON:** Edward Almond