

**St Mary's Leyland**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 7 September 2016**

**PRAYER:** Gaye Beirne

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Paul, Fr Stephen, Jenny Hollinshead, Tim Sullivan

**MATTERS ARISING from previous Minutes;**

Any new email addresses received.

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

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

Fr Luke Waring's funeral at Belmont

St James's Beavers

Visit of Fr Stephen's brother from USA

Joint celebration for Communion/Confirmation Children

Tesco food Bank collection

Day of recollection at Lisieux Hall

Catenians President's Mass

Holy Year of Mercy Pilgrimage led by the Redemptorists

Leavers Mass at St Anne's Primary School and St Mary's Primary School Leavers Mass

Fr Stephen's Golden Jubilee of Ordination

High School End of Year Mass

Ministers of Holy Communion Holy Hour

Spiritual Journey with Fr Stephen

Mariapolis

Ampleforth Retreat and Chapter

Visit of Auditors

Wedding

Deacon Michael Barrett (former head of St Anne's Primary School) preaching at weekend Masses.

He will be ordained on Saturday 15 July 2017 in our Church God Willing.

**Report on co-option of new members to PPC.**

We are asked to think of potential members and Fr Jonathan to ask them.

**Benedictine Day**

A special event [Friday 11 November 6-8.30pm] with the Anglican Abbot of Mucknell Abbey, nr Worcester, speaking and focussing on Ecumenism. The plan is to invite non-Catholics, eg Churches Together in Leyland.

**Church as a Sacred Space**

Discussion re ongoing problem with some talking whilst the Reader speaks prior to the start of Mass and during the reflection. Values of this quiet reflection are needed in preparation of praise the wonder and greatness of God. 6pm Mass is improving however.

Suggestions;

Could a small bell be rung prior to the Reader speaking?

Reader to speak 5 mins before Mass starts.

On the Screen have a 'welcome and reflection' slide? Speak to Michelle.

'Meeters and Greeters' for our parishioners (St Lawrence's Guild) could be asked to listen out for the Reader before Mass begins and after that try to speak more quietly.

Reminder in the Bulletin about quiet reflection whilst the Reader speaks and before start of Mass.

**AOB;**

Comment and discussion about the sound from the speakers. Sometimes difficult to hear those with a lower tone of voice or when the microphone is positioned incorrectly or not switched off when at the ambo. Could the bass be turned down too? Need someone with technical knowledge to look into this.

5 Refugees families are coming to Leyland. There will be a meeting at the Anglican Church to discuss how they can be supported. Churches Together In Leyland are involved. An email has been sent out from Peter Fitton.

Parish AGM will be included in the next PPC meeting on Wednesday 12 October, in the Narthex, at 7.30pm.

Wine and nibbles included. Short talk from certain group representatives was successful last year so the aim will be to do the same again by asking other group representatives to speak about their activities.

Next meeting; Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 7.30pm

Chair; Edward Almond

Prayer: Celia Neill

Meeting closed at 8.15pm