

**St Mary's Leyland  
Parish Council  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**PRESENT:** Fr Jonathan, Lesley Raven, Ann Ward, Sr Veronica, Liz McGrath, Fr Stephen, Fr Paul, Walter Courtney, Christine Lemmon, Edward Almond, Gaye Beirne, Tim Sullivan, Sue Mills, Jeremy Watson, Brian Salisbury, Jim Blackledge, Judy Gammans.

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Barron, Alex Anthony

**PRAYER:** Led by Sr Veronica

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

**MATTERS ARISING:**

So far no information has been available re Church Watch. Our local constable suggested we speak to Churches Together about it. Edward will pursue this.

**PARISH EVENTS:**

- First Catechist meeting took place
- The Mass for the Housebound
- 3 Special Masses were said because so much of the HS school premises burnt down by Archbishop Patrick Kelly for staff 2 Sept, Bishop Tom Williams, 3 Sept at 8am with c 900 present and on 17 September with Abbot Cuthbert Madden
- Visit from the Abbot round school on 17 September
- Fr Cyril Victor's (from Bangalore) much remembered sermons!
- The three primary schools in Leyland and Farington have newly appointed head teachers and have begun the new term
- Mariapolis
- Eucharist Ministers Holy hour
- Holy hour for PEACE

**HEATING PROJECT AND FINANCE REPORT:**

Brian provided copies of the financial report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 and gave a brief overview to the meeting. He invited those who wish, to attend the Finance meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October and the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Jim reported on the heating project and told us he was pleasantly surprised at the progress being made. There had been a number of problems but these were being ironed out. The boilers are now in and the workmen are starting on the steel pipe work which is 66m diameter and has to be threaded and screwed. The air handling machine is to be in place tomorrow. This is quite a big operation as it weighs 2 tons.

Fr Jonathan thanked Brian and Jim for attending the meeting and bringing us up to date with these issues.

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE:**

Edward reported on the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> September. Nine people were present with apologies from a further two parishioners. A list was provided of events it is hoped will take place as part of the celebrations and this will be issued to parishioners when it is finalised. He informed us that the meeting discussed the possibility of various items of memorabilia including prayer cards and post cards. Mugs and pens will also be available to buy.

## **REVIEW OF PPC PROCEDURES AND OFFICIALS:**

Fr Jonathan reported that the practise of having a “revolving chair person” was helpful in many ways, particularly the meeting of the incoming and outgoing chair which keeps Fr. Jonathan and the two chairs up to date with events. Everyone agreed to continue this arrangement. Jeremy offered to take the minutes from now on as Judy is leaving and moving to Norfolk. Should he wish also to be involved as chairman, Sue offered her help to take minutes and it was agreed that they would work together to ensure cover.

## **SAFEGUARDING:**

Fr Jonathan reported that various items of documentation relating to health and safety are regularly forwarded to him. These refer to such issues as Fire, trip and electrical hazards. These are reviewed regularly by the safeguarding department and an annual check is carried out to ensure correct procedures have been followed.

## **AOB:**

- 1) The opening and eating of “noisy” food such as crisps in church was brought to the attention of the meeting. It was agreed that parents should not be feeding children in church and that if there was an urgent need to do so, raisins or something similarly quiet should be being used. Otherwise children should be taken into the cry room with anything that might disturb the celebration of the Mass for other parishioners. A note to this effect will be put in the bulletin.
- 2) Only one offer of help has been forthcoming with regard to our “Update” magazine. A brief copy giving details of the Christmas services, the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations and an update on our school premises was suggested. Fr Jonathan said we should pray about this and perhaps make an appeal from the altar.
- 3) Judy made a small good bye, assuring us of her presence every now and again in the parish, and the PPC gave her a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all her hard work for us.

**DATE OF NEXT PPC MEETINGS**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**CHAIRPERSON** – Edward Almond