

St Mary's Leyland

Parish Council

Wednesday 3 September 2014

PRESENT: Fr Jonathan, Fr Stephen, Fr Paul, Peter Barron, Sue Mills, Edward Almond, Gaye Beirne, Christine Lemmon, Lesley Raven, Alex Anthony, Ann Ward, Pauline Strachan, Celia Neill.

PRAYER: Gaye Beirne

WELCOME AND THANKS:

Welcome to our two new members; Celia Neill and Pauline Strachan.
Many thanks to Walter Courtney for many years of service to the PPC.

APOLOGIES: Tim Sullivan, Liz McGrath, Jeremy Watson.

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

MATTERS ARISING: The garden party was very successful and raised approximately £3000. It was agreed to continue the event at that time of year.
Our Lady in Art exhibition will return on Sunday 7 September.

PARISH EVENTS: The parish initiative 'Way of Life'
Garden Party
Mass for the Housebound
First Holy Communion/Confirmations [including the visit by the Archbishop]
Our Lady in Art exhibition
Fr Egidio's visit
Summer Fairs at the primary schools
Primary school children's celebration
Race Night for Gozo
Y10 at Ampleforth
End of term High School Prize Giving
HCPT cake stall
Mariapolis

UPDATE ON THE GOLDEN JUBILEE:

Next event 27 September – Ceilidh
Comment made by parishioner re short notice but tickets will be sold at all masses and people encouraged to come along.
The events for next year need to be prepared so a meeting will be called soon.
Could we have a photographic record of the Golden Jubilee events? Martin Cahill has taken some photographs up to now.
Suggestion of a time capsule made. PB to investigate.

'WAY OF LIFE' DISCUSSION:

Comments sheet divided into categories. Parishioners made comments on 'living' but took the opportunity to also comment on other aspects of church.

Eg a welcome group suggested for new parishioners, priests to mention coffee and chat after masses and welcome visitors or new parishioners.

Sr Veronica monitors attendance and looks out for those missing.

DVD in church was difficult to hear. As this was an important part of the 'Way of Life' PB has a link on You Tube and will put the link to this this on the bulletin. Comments also made re sound system. This needs to be monitored and working party set up to discuss. [check sound before mass each time anyway from now on]

Fr Stephen; all mass goers want to be followers of Jesus falling into 3 categories. People who want to deepen their relationship, those who want to if they know how, those doing what they need to do. We should focus on the first two kinds. Encourage people through the Alpha course, an event in the parish once a month for a day or half day for discussions. Living a full Christian life could be daily prayer/weekly mass/weekly prayer group/yearly pilgrimage.

Working party to meet to discuss the first page of comments on Christian living. Other issues to be dealt with separately. Feedback to parishioners will be given by end of September. [via a notice board plus verbal feedback, signing a list for own paper copy, as pdf on website]

AOB/MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS:

The Archbishop is coming to the parish on 15 September. Fr Jonathan suggests that, at the offertory, each parish and school brings down a symbol to represent them. Eg St Mary's – a cup of tea! Or a food parcel or the old Leyland Chalice. Idea to ask the oldest parishioner. Lesley to organise.

All agreed that the rotating chair idea for the PPC should continue.

A new emergency telephone cascade system to be planned. Sue M to complete.

Finance committee preparing year end accounts. Also update on Phases 1 and 2 of the heating system. Meeting on 18 September @ 7.30pm. PPC members can attend.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING; Wednesday 8 October 2014 (7:30pm)

CHAIR: Pete Barron

PRAYER: Celia Neill