

**St Mary's Leyland  
Parish Council  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**PRESENT:** Fr Jonathan, Lesley Raven, Ann Ward, Sr Veronica, Peter Barron, Sue Mills, Edward Almond, Jeremy Watson, Walter Courtney, Gaye Beirne, Tim Sullivan, Martin Cahill.

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Stephen, Fr Paul, Liz McGrath, Christine Lemmon, Alex Anthony.

**PRAYER:** Led by Sister Veronica

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

**MATTERS ARISING: There had been no meeting in January as we had no quorum and this was the first meeting since 13 November 2013**

With regard to the Christmas services there was negative feedback from 3 families as to the content of the children's mass at 10.00am. Fr Jonathan commented that there were very few families at the Christmas morning mass so it was not possible to make it a more family orientated service. Most families had attended the Christmas Eve vigil which was packed. Fr Jonathan added that things change but people dislike change and it is difficult to please everybody. A different strategy may be required as we are living in a different and changing world.

There was further feedback from a parishioner that 10.00pm was too early for the start of Midnight mass and in their opinion lost some of the Christmas ambience.

**PARISH EVENTS:**

- Primary school Christmas carol service in church
- High school prize giving event
- Christmas Fair
- Mass for the deceased
- Feast of Christ the King
- Healing service
- Advent meetings
- Chapter – Ampleforth
- Sacramental Programme
- Recently bereaved mass
- 1<sup>st</sup> confession
- Nativities
- School's carol service
- Leyland Band
- House mass rosary group
- Baptism course
- Singo family evening in the Priory Club
- Cantenian Dinner
- Leyland St Mary's fund raising gig

- Murder mystery weekend

## **REVIEW OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:**

This item was covered under matters arising.

## **SAFEGUARDING:**

Not covered at this meeting as Steve McBride unavailable.

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE:**

Preparations are moving at a pace with the focus now on the Jubilee Celebration Mass on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Invitations have been sent out, the Abbot has confirmed his attendance, lists are out in the Narthex for parishioners who are attending and preparing food. The hospitality team have all under control, the choir are preparing and the order of service prepared. It was suggested that the order of service could be printed for the people attending to keep as a souvenir. Greeters, parking stewards and readers to be arranged shortly. Martin Cahill showed the meeting a number of photographs taken of various images of the church. The intention is to print the selected images onto a postcard format and as coasters for people to purchase as a Golden Jubilee memento. The meeting were very impressed with the photographs and thanked Martin for attending.

The next Golden Jubilee meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, all welcome to attend.

## **FUTURE VISION:**

The new pope has made a huge difference to the church and given us the foundation book Joy of the Gospel. Fr Jonathan produced action notes from the Joy of the Gospel and invited the meeting to choose one of the notes and share our thoughts and feelings about it at the next meeting. Joy of the Gospel should drive the church forward and the consensus in people's hearts and minds are to move forward. It was discussed that the PPC can be catalysts but opened up to parishioners to share, help and discuss. In the short term we will discuss at the next meeting and possibly have a future meeting dedicated to this subject.

## **UPDATE**

Fr Jonathan has tried to put life back into Update but struggling to get people involved. Mrs Nelson would get involved but not in an editor capacity. It needs a person with a real passion and commitment to take this on. It was commented on that there has been no great swell of people asking were Update is. A written publication is possibly a thing of the past and a suggested option was to have an Update section on the church website. The majority of people are on line these days and Update may reach more people by this means of communication. The home screen of the website could be on view prior to the 9.30am mass as a reminder to parishioners of the church website.

## **FREQUENCY OF PPC MEETINGS:**

After a discussion it was decided to have 7 PPC meetings in a calendar year. These meetings will take place in February, March, May, June, September, October and November. The meetings will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. If an urgent matter does arise then Father Jonathan can call an extra meeting if he considers it necessary.

## **AOB**

Tim Sullivan confirmed that the Knights of St Columba Annual Dinner Dance is taking place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Leyland Hotel, 7.15pm for 7.30pm at a cost of £24 per person.

A parishioner raised the point as to whether a talk on the subject of abortion was suitable at the 9.30am family mass. Lesley has given feedback asking for something more appropriate in future.

**DATE OF NEXT PPC MEETING:** Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**PRAYER** Christine Lemmon

**CHAIRPERSON:** Ann Ward