

St Mary's Leyland

Parish Council

Wednesday 7 October 2014

- PRESENT:** Fr Jonathan, Fr Paul, Peter Barron, Sue Mills, Edward Almond, Gaye Beirne, Christine Lemmon, Lesley Raven, Pauline Strachan, Celia Neil, Tim Sullivan.
- APOLOGIES:** Fr Stephen, Alex Anthony, Ann Ward, Jeremy Watson.
- PRAYER:** Celia Neil
- 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:** Archbishop's visit. Huge event with many attending from the Deanery.
Deanery Mass. Are there any plans for another one? This would need to be discussed with the clergy of the deanery.
First meeting of sacramental programme; over 40 candidates
First Sunday mass for candidates
Ceilidh; 60 people attended of mixed ages. £270 raised for Burkina Faso project.
HCPT cake stall.
John Wright's talk at all masses.
Y7 Welcome mass attended by Bishop Tom.
Fr Jonathan's visit to Poland where he saw Fr Piotr and Fr Suawek.
- FINANCE FOLLOW-UP:** Finances have been good including running costs.
We a renewable energy approach to church heating. Fr Jonathan explained that both costs to church and the house are high and equal. The idea to take heat from the pond and transfer it via a heat pump doesn't work unless there is a new build and/or a well-insulated building. An optimal heating temperature for what we want cannot be achieved from a heat pump therefore the plan is to use the parish money to improve the heating within the house. The cost for the church is quite cheap compared to that of other churches. The plan would be to put modern boilers into the house as the current ones are only 50% efficient and therefore cost. In addition solar panels for heating the water would be the way forward.
There was also a discussion re ways of maintaining heat within the house.
- REPORT ON DEANERY MASS:** see Parish events comments.
- 'WAY OF LIFE' DISCUSSION:**
Another meeting was held to focus on how we can achieve the joy of the Gospel. Statements were chosen which will be displayed on a board in the Narthex. They will run for two weeks initially and an explanation or

comment will be made at each mass by a member for the Pastoral Council. This verbalisation will raise the profile of the initiative. Readers to be contacted to ask for this to happen at the end of mass before the final blessing. Suggestion made that monthly comments could be collected from parishioners as to the effect each focus has had on their lives and the display them in a book or on the board.

The other comments/questions from the parishioners will be addressed at a later date.

CL to email statement to Sr Veronica .

AOB/MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS:

AGM to take place on Saturday 8 November 2014 after 6.00pm mass. At the offertory a representative from the Groups to bring down a symbol to represent them?

Fr Jonathan, Sr Veronica, Lesley et al to meet and discuss arrangements.

PB; some parishioners have mentioned that the cups in the kitchen smelt strange. They were checked and seemed OK but will monitor over the coming weeks.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING; Wednesday 3 December 2014

CHAIR: Alex Anthony

PRAYER: Gaye Beirne