

## To be agreed at by CPC Committee at next meeting.

### St Joseph's Church Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Present

Mick Davison	MD	Peter Lavery	PL
Margaret Taylor	MT	Tom Quigley (chair)	TQ
Hilda Fraser	HF	Catherine Tumelty	CT
John Sexton	JS	Monica Kelsey	MK
Bernadette Bartlett	BB		

#### Apologies

Fr. O'Keeffe  
Peter Monaghan

Doreen Cantwell  
Fr. Martin

PL opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were agreed.

#### Matters arising

That we would look to reinstating the offertory, welcome and the Eucharistic ministers coming to the altar. CT would ask for volunteers for the offertory procession at the Saturday evening mass.

PL would inform the congregation of the move forward on masks in church.

It was decided that the suggestion from Fr. Jim re a working group to deal with roof repairs etc would be left until after the summer break.

Coffee morning – Christine Johnson had spoken to those who had been on the coffee rota. Some felt that after the evening mass was not a great time but were prepared to give the idea a try. Another suggestion was to offer a coffee morning on a Sunday, perhaps once a month.

Children's liturgy – MT shared views she had received from the CL group. There were a few offers to rerun on a Saturday but it was felt that this time is not ideal for families. There were concerns expressed that the lack of a Sunday mass is impacting on the community.

#### Item 4 PGD

JS led on this. There had been discussion about the Diocesan response to the Synod main points being

Role of women in the church

Laity felt let down by the lack of transparency in decision making

There was further discussion about the Sunday morning mass at St. Joseph's. There is another PDG meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July when two suggestions will be put forward –

A regular Saturday evening and Sunday morning mass

Alternate Saturday night/Sunday morning, perhaps for a trial period while there can be consultation with parishioners.

### **Item 5 Church insurance.**

TQ reported that he had answered questions from the insurers relating to the issue of keeping the church open and there would appear to be no reason not to go ahead with this. PL said we could provide a locked box for the laptop. MD to organise the opening/closing of church. The point was made that we could use Church TV to monitor what was happening in church.

### **Item 6 School updates.**

DfE have listed the Junior school as getting a new school build.  
New Exec Head hoping to create a nursery.  
St. Benet's have a new Chair of Gobs – MK  
Acting head at the Infants is moving to a new position.

### **Item 7 Weekend Newsletter.**

PL – there has been a lengthy discussion about the newsletter. It will be radically reduced in size and each community will have a section for their own news. It will still contain mass times and intentions and will include the readings for Sunday. St. Joseph's will print their own copies.

Concerns were raised that important events were 'lost'.

MD suggested that Church services TV could be used to provide a 'news programme' and that younger members of the parish might like to get involved e.g. those doing JP11 award.

TQ agreed to prepare the prayers for the next meeting.

### **Item 9 Any other business.**

MT asked about Lourdes Youth Fund. This is very healthy and it was felt we could try and encourage some young people in the parish to think about next years pilgrimage.

MT to get Declaration of interest forms put onto bulletin.

PL discussed the possibility of a parish celebration for the feast of the Assumption.

MD requested the possibility of an August meeting if required re mass times.

PL closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting TBA.