

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday Feb 11th 2021

Present: Pete Delamere Russell Brynes Catherine Evans Fr Walsh Dominic and Theresa Rice Kathleen Baster Peter Twomey

Apologies: Columba Timmins

Opening Prayer : Father Walsh

Minutes from last meeting discussed. A discussion of bulletins being left for taking away at the end of Mass on the way out. Considered a good idea. Some parishioners like a hard copy. Candlemas Rosary happened and the DBD booklets plus snowdrops and Candles were delivered around parishioners. Good feedback.

Opening for Mass Rota seems to be working well. Stewards are needed for Ash Wednesday. Russell will make \ rota for the coming weeks
Discussion about whether the Videoed Mass on Saturday evening should be a public one. Suggested that we wait to see how the other Masses fill up and perhaps offer it as an overspill mass. There are still 3 or 4 regulars who don't book.

Cleaning :More Zeno has come at a cost of £100 per 5litres. Discussion about who was paying for this-Diocese or Parish? Father thinks the Diocese as he has not been billed.Some of the sprays block up. Peter Twomey is on to this.
St Michael's-should be cleaned every couple of months. St Vincent's should have its deep clean saved until the summer. This would help with quick drying out.

Lent?Easter Small group to work on liturgy details
Ash Wed-Obviously no crosses on foreheads this year . Each recipient to receive a pinch of Ashes on their heads. Talked about cleaning afterwards. Not thought to be a problem as small amounts involved.

Times for Good Friday and Triduum

Mass times stay the same during Lent

Maundy Thurs. 7pm -booked -a simpler service.

Good Friday 3pm-not booked if we hold it outside

Holy Saturday 7pm-booked- a vigil Mass rather than a full Vigil after nightfall

Easter Sunday-booked-9.30am and 6pm

Sub committee to discuss Liturgy details: Fr Theresa Kathleen Pete

Parish Formation

First Communion 21st Feb -3 children involved at 9.30 Mass Kate and Ellen have been preparing a small group- that was interrupted-from last year. This year's preparation has not started. Preparations and reception of First Holy Communion will be interspersed through out the year. Move to thank Kate and Ellen for their work and see if they need any support.

Confirmation: A meeting on Zoom has already occurred .A list of different courses was offered/suggested to Parents including Formed Channel. Parents have agreed to take it on All parents are churchgoers.

Parents will use what they are comfortable with. Parental involvement seen to be a good thing. This could be a blueprint for future Catechesis. There are about 10 children involved .Confirmation will take place when restrictions end. Some form of retreat to get all involved together was mooted.

Refugees : More to be said after meeting with Diocese on 13th Feb

Covenant with the Poor: A wide ranging discussion ensued. Pros and Cons were discussed. The major stumbling block was whether we could transgress Charity Law if as a charity we gave to other charities. The legal side needs to be extremely clear. Diocese has been contacted to see how we stand. (*To date no reply.*) A Directory of Parish giving to be compiled . Could members send what they know to Russell please? Parish funds are low at the moment because of lack of collections.

Strategic Fundraising Advisory Board.

This document was sent out for information from the Diocese. It is there to help parishes post Covid

Pulling the Parish together :Palm Sunday-What about Palms?? Flowers to be given out with DBD books-Easter eggs too? Perhaps Kathleen and Columba could come up with some ideas.??

All at the meeting contributed with ideas and suggestions

Pete Delamere