

Minutes Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday July 29th 2021

Present: Father Walsh; Russell Brynes (chair); Catherine Evans; Columba Timmins (minutes.)

Apologies: Peter Delamere; Dominic and Theresa Rice; Kathleen Baster.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Review of last month's minutes:

First Holy Communion Mass . There will be another group of children on September 12th following a shorter period of preparation.

Children's Liturgy: Russell will contact the present organiser, who will withdraw when new sessions arranged by Orla B. are established, to check enough support is in place for them to progress.

Confirmation: there will be a half day retreat at the Mission Hub, Solly St. on 2nd October. It will be led by one of the students there, and overseen by Kathleen B. and Father. Bishop Ralph will come to St. Vincent's on 3rd October for a separate Confirmation Mass at midday. There are 18 candidates.

Rebuilding community: Organisation of outdoor Parish Sing underway for the Feast of the Assumption August 15th.

Padley Pilgimage to stay on agenda.

Community Sponsorship Application (5 parishes contributing at present) is progressing. Preparation of the application requires planning and coordination under various headings and this is underway.

This evening's Agenda:

Opening for Mass: from this week (July 26th onwards) there is no requirement to book for Mass. All benches are now available and the one-way system has stopped. Mask wearing and use of hand sanitiser is still encouraged, along with consideration for safe distancing at all times, and windows and doors will be open. For Sunday Mass, for purposes of contact tracing, parishioners are asked to use the booking email address to register their attendance at Mass, or add their name to a registration list when they arrive. Stewards will greet people, oversee the register of attendance, maintain hand sanitiser levels and wipe the sanitisers after Mass. Singing will recommence in Autumn.

Cleaning: New arrangements overseen by Peter T.

Covenant with the Poor: Russell to further explore the idea with the Finance Committee.

Live Simply considerations: Transport to Mass. The parish will seek to connect those without transport who find it difficult to get to Mass, with those who might be willing to give lifts. Russell will raise this initially with the SVP.

Recycling: the church kitchen is well stocked with washable crockery and there are recycling bins close by the kitchen door. Washing up liquid containers can be refilled and environmentally friendly tablets used in the dishwasher

Father suggests posters in Hall/kitchen to encourage those using the hall for events to make use of the facilities available in the kitchen and the recycling bins, and to reduce single-use plastic.

Work on developing and managing the church green areas for wildlife and people continues.

AOB:

Safeguarding: Catherine Evans and Russell Brynes are currently safeguarding representatives. Russell will be withdrawing in the near future and the parish will be looking for a second representative. There is a new Safeguarding officer for the Diocese, Marie Donnelly, and systems will be reviewed as churches reopen after the pandemic restrictions. Catherine will work with Father on clarity of information on the parish website.

Discussion of ID cards for Ministers of Communion and SVP visitors. The SVP recommends visiting in pairs.

Season of Creation September 1st – October 4th. Proposed liturgy on Sunday Sept 5th pm (Day of Prayer for Creation). Daily morning Rosary for Creation in the garden proposed during the Season.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next meeting September 21st 7.30pm in the Hall.