

St Vincent's Parish Council

"The parish council works with the priest to serve the people"

Meeting minutes 24 January 2024

Present: Russell Brynes (Chair), Catherine Evans, Maria Mawson (Minutes), Dominic Rice, Theresa Rice, Fr. Walsh.

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies: None received.

3. Actions & matters arising from the 29 November meeting not covered by the agenda

- Dona terminal. Fr Walsh confirmed that Parish income has increased since the terminal was installed.
- Receiving Holy Communion. Fr. Walsh intends to do another homily on this.
- Parish Finance Committee membership. Martin Colclough has joined the Committee
- Mass intentions. Fr Walsh intends to include something about the tradition of requesting Mass intentions in a future bulletin item.

4. The Mass

- Christmas Masses Review. All the Masses had gone well. The 5pm Mass was very well attended, and around 60 attended Midnight Mass, some from other parishes. The sung Latin element went well, and Fr. Walsh would like to try this again and get more people involved in the singing. There was adoration for the half hour before Midnight Mass, but it was suggested that carols might be more appropriate.
- Lent and Easter preparation. Ash Wednesday is 14 February and Masses will be said a 9.30 and 7pm. The Maundy Thursday service on 28 March will be at 7pm, and the Good Friday Service at 3pm as usual. The Easter Vigil on 30 March will be at 8pm. **Action: DR will coordinate the Ministers rota for all services**
- CE has agreed to run Lectio face to face in church at 10am on Tuesday mornings during Lent, on 20 February, 27 February, 5 March and 13 March. **Action: CE**
- Offertory Hymn timing. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the timing should stay as it is, with the hymn being sung as the children return from their liturgy and process to the front. After the children return to their seats, the bread and wine are brought forward without any music, and the Mass continues.

5. The Church

- First Holy Communion and Confession. First Holy Communion will take place on 26 May, 2 June or 9 June, date to be confirmed after discussions with parents. A meeting with parents has been arranged for 25 February and it is hoped that preparation will start on 3 March. A programme for weekly meetings, Excluding school holidays has been arranged. Jacqueline Diaz is coordinating with Fr. Walsh

6. Building the Community

- Parish booklet. The meeting agreed not to invest a lot of effort in producing a printed version that could date very quickly, but a few copies could be printed from

the version that is on the website for use by those that don't have access to the internet. **Action: Fr Walsh to look into this with DR.**

- Older people. RB was not aware of any new requests for support from older people. He reported that young people from the Hub have expressed an interest in being involved in SVP work, so this could increase the capacity for support.
- People with learning disabilities. RB will contact Cath Livingston to ask about any progress with the audit template that was discussed at a previous meeting. **Action: RB**
- New communities. There was a brief discussion about welcoming and involving people new to the Parish. TR will make an appeal for new members of the music group, and the notice inviting parishioners to consider volunteering for the different ministries will be repeated in the bulletin. **Actions: TR/Fr. Walsh**

7. Parish Council

- New members are still needed for the Parish Council. Following on from the discussion about new communities, RB agreed to reach out to one of the families that has recently become more involved in Parish activities. Fr Walsh will consider other individuals that could potentially be approached. DR agreed to make an appeal for new members at a future Sunday Mass, and the notice appealing for new members will be repeated in the bulletin. **Actions: RB/DR/Fr. Walsh**

8. Children and young people

No items for discussion

9. Live Simply updates

- ⑩ Work towards applying for the Live Simply award is progressing well. The St Vincent's Big Lent Walk will take place after 9.30 Mass on 3 March.

10 Safeguarding

- The Wickersley Prayer Tree for anybody affected by abuse has arrived, and CE will speak about it after the Pastoral letter from the Bishop is read. **Action: CE**
- CE confirmed that she has spoken to JG, and in future the young peoples group will be accompanied by 2 adults at meetings, and 3 adults on outings.

Dates for next meetings

21 February, 20 March, 24 April. All 7pm