

## **St Vincent's Parish Council**

*"The parish council helps the priest to serve the people"*

### **Meeting minutes 31 May 2023**

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

#### **1. Opening prayer**

#### **2. Apologies: Columba Timmins**

#### **3. Actions & matters arising from the previous meeting not covered by the agenda**

The SVP Mass went well and many people stayed for coffee afterwards.

DR reported that the confusion about the time of Mass on Easter morning may have been caused by the Catholic Clocks web site which has out of date information about Mass times in the Parish. We agreed to add a note to the bulletin to advise parishioners not to rely on this site if they are travelling elsewhere. **Action: MM**

(NB It is possible to register for an account with the site to amend information)

#### **4. The Mass**

Extraordinary Ministers

Recommissioning can be done at a Sunday Mass, but was last done in 2017. It was agreed that a date for recommissioning would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action: RB to add recommissioning to the next agenda**

Reverence for the Eucharist

KB had found a relevant encyclical by Pope John Paul II, and Fr Walsh shared extracts from the General Instruction on Silence in the Sacred Liturgy that quote Pope John Paul II. Fr Walsh mentioned that he had prepared a series of sermons on the Mass when the new rite was introduced in 2011. After discussion, it was agreed that the General Instruction extract should be included in bulletin extra and that Fr Walsh would preach on the topic.

**Action: Fr. Walsh**

#### **5. The Church**

Contactless collection.

Dominic Baster has been liaising with Dona and the terminal should be in place some time in June.

First Holy Communion

Preparations are ongoing. First Confessions will be heard on Saturday 10 June.

Confirmation

Plan is to start preparation in September with confirmation in December. Fr Walsh will approach Jackie Diaz to see if she will help with preparation. **Action: Fr. Walsh**

Prayer services.

A parishioner has expressed an interest in a healing service, prompting a discussion about different services that could be offered. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been offered in the past. Wednesday or Thursday evenings could be used for additional services, with parishioners leading them so that there is no increased burden on Fr. Walsh. CE said that she could do Lectio in person occasionally instead on on Zoom. Fr. Walsh will

consider further and use the WhatsApp group to ask what other services people would like. **Action: Fr. Walsh**

## **6. Building the Community**

Repository.

MM has spoken to Peter Twomey about the arrangements for accessing the Repository. It is being opened after Sunday evening Mass. It was agreed that MM would open the repository after Sunday morning mass when she is available, and a notice will be put in the bulletin asking for other volunteers. **Action: MM**

Display boards

CE has tidied the boards and removed out of date notices.

Parish booklet

DR is persevering with this

Digital exclusion

DR reported that people who don't use the web site and WhatsApp group think that they may be missing out on information. We believe that all important information is included the bulletin, but the perception is a concern. For this reason, it may be helpful for newcomers to offer the bulletin to everybody without asking if people want one. In some cases the SVP may be able to support those feeling excluded, and contact details are included in the bulletin on a regular basis.

## **7. Parish Council and Parish meeting**

The date agreed for the Autumn Parish Meeting is Wednesday 27 September at 7pm.

The notes and actions from last parish meeting (14 September 2022) are available on the web site and will be reviewed at the July Parish Council meeting.

The question of new members will be raised at the parish meeting, as CT will be stepping down in the autumn. **Action: RB to include on next agenda**

## **8. Children and young people**

A number of young people from the parish are attending events such as World Youth Day and the Lourdes Pilgrimage, and are also getting involved in reading at Sunday evening Mass.

## **9. Live Simply**

Katharine Murray is keeping the web site updated with activities and resources. CT will do a brief update after Masses on June 4th on progress with the plan for the CAFOD award. CT has been looking into a joint Crookes church group with St. Thomas, Wesley Hall, St. Timothy's and St. Vincent's, and there was a positive response to this on the WhatsApp group. It is proposed to put together a churches together harvest festival event on the Bole Hills one Sunday afternoon in September. This will be discussed further at the July Parish Council meeting. **Action: CT**

## **10. Safeguarding**

CE had attended the safeguarding service in Wickersley, and had found it very moving and worthwhile

**Next meetings:** 12 July, 13 September. 7pm in the Parish Room