

REPORT OF THE ST. VINCENT'S PARISH MEETING

Thursday 17 January 2019

Present: Father Paddy and 13 Parishioners. Apologies received from Russell Byrne.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Paddy.

Re-formation of St. Vincent de Paul Society Fr. Paddy to arrange a date with Lance Philpott, SVP Membership Development Officer to come and speak at all the Masses about the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Parish Directory The information for our Directory is in hand.

Re-Formation of a Parish Council: It was suggested that this would consist of approximately 8 people (one from each of the parish groups). Meetings maybe once a month with an open forum two or three times a year. Peter Delamere to contact Sacred Heart to ask if two people from St. Vincent's could be invited to their next meeting solely as observers.

Parish Mission – It has been arranged that Fr. Kevin Murphy from Rochdale will visit us on Sunday 17 March to commence our mini Mission which will take place during the following week ending on Wednesday 20 March.

Readers' Training Meeting: Approximately half of our regular readers attended the first meeting conducted by Eileen Maher.

Wednesday Evening Talks: Fr. Ryan and Greg Ryan will be continuing their Wednesday evening talks after Easter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. To take place after the Wednesday evening Mass.

Lectio Divina: To continue on Thursday evenings at 7pm

Young People

We were informed that the Youth Club is now up and running.

Parish Clustering

Fr. reported that since dropping the Saturday evening Mass the Sunday morning Mass had been well attended and about 100 parishioners had attended the Sunday evening Mass

Solly Street Update

The work on the Mission Hub has commenced and it is hoped this will be completed by May/June for the opening in September.

Extension of the Office and Presbytery

Fr. informed us that the plans have been approved and it is hoped that work will commence shortly.

A.O.B.

1. It was suggested that we arrange a Parish retreat. Enquiries to be made regarding venue and travel.
2. Attention was drawn to the cracked windows in church and could they be replaced (by stained glass?).
3. The Bishop to be invited to consecrate the church after saying Mass on a Sunday. This to be arranged by Fr.
- 4 We were informed of a Deanery meeting to be held at the Pastoral Centre on 22nd January when all will be welcome.

Date of next meeting: 28 March, 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed with a prayer.