

## **St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council**

### **Minutes of meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

#### **Present:**

- Fr William Wright (Chair)

#### *Appointed*

- Carmel Bridson
- Chris Clissitt - *item 7 onwards*
- Paul Jackson (School)
- Simon Stockdale

#### *Elected*

- Teresa Britton (Liturgy)
- Jules Finn (Mission)
- Amanda Kelly (Support)
- Frances Watson (Formation)
  
- Chris Senior (Secretary)

- Apologies: Vince McGurk

1. **Opening Reading** was led by Fr. William

2. **Apologies**

As recorded above.

3. **Parish Priest introduction**

Fr William noted his intention for the majority of this meeting was to return to the theme of improving the experience of 'celebration of the liturgy' as outlined in his internal-circulation paper for Item 7

4. **The minutes of the PPC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.

5. **Actions and matters arising from the PPC February 2019 meeting (not itemised in the Agenda)**

#### 8) Liturgical Experience

Although further discussed within item 7 Fr William made a point of promoting his intent of publishing the future week's Mass readings in a modified form of weekly Bulletin. This to help parishioners to better concentrate on hearing (not reading) the current week's Mass readings for improved engagement.

### 13) PPC Elections – Encouraging Engagement

This deferred item from the February meeting would be rescheduled.

**ACTION:** PPC Elections to be raised as a July 2019 Agenda item.

### 14) Future Meetings

In response to a query, Fr William apologised for the necessity to bring forward the planned AGM from the original date (5<sup>th</sup> May) to the earlier 28<sup>th</sup> April. This change was unavoidable, due to a scheduling clash with confirmation classes.

Fr William noted that a suggestion made at this AGM (to explain to parishioners how to submit Mass Offerings) had already been published in the weekly bulletin.

All other outstanding Actions were completed, or otherwise raised as Agenda items.

## **6. 2017 Appraisal Results**

Fr William briefly highlighted the 2017 Appraisal results and feedback related to ‘standing during the Eucharistic prayer’ and ‘following the liturgical actions of the priest.’ These findings were flagged to influence discussions of item 7.

Fr William acknowledged some survey respondents were not supportive of the temporary standing practices he had introduced and that he would need to be respectful of these views.

It was felt that clarity in the survey might help improve analysis of results (e.g. was thought likely to be some confusion over what ‘following the liturgical actions’ actually meant).

## **7. Liturgical Experience**

As the main item of PPC business Fr William introduced a previously circulated internal discussion paper and invited full PPC feedback on all topics on an item-by-item basis.

Fr William gave an introduction to this item then took the council through a list of possible things he might say to the parish or introduce in the mass to help with liturgical engagement. Each suggestion in the list was discussed as to whether the parish would find it helpful or not to be more actively engaged in the liturgy of the mass. Fr William noted which suggestions were recommended as helpful for the parish, with a view to taking these to the parish in forthcoming Sundays..

**ACTION:** ALL to consider a potential ‘name’ for the project/initiative to improve the liturgical experience at St Mary’s.

**ACTION:** Fr William would further consider method and timing of exploring a trial of a shorter (2 sides A4) weekly bulletin i.e. omitting Mass readings.

**8. 2019 Appraisal**

Fr William pre-circulated a draft version of the Parish Appraisal questionnaire for 2019. Lack of time meant no further discussion was possible.

**ACTION:** ALL members to pass e-mail feedback to Fr William re. the proposed changes to questions as proposed in the draft 2019 Appraisal questionnaire.

**9. Finance Report**

The report had been previously circulated by Stephen Walker.

No further comments were raised.

**10. School Report**

The report had been previously circulated by Paul Jackson.

No further comments were raised.

**11. Any Other Business**

**a) PPC Information on Parish Web Pages**

**ACTION:** ALL councillors were reminded to urgently provide Fr William with a personal photograph and a short 'introductory' paragraph for use on the Parish web site (modelled after currently outdated PPC entries for previous council members).

**12. Future Meetings**

19:00 – 20:30 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

19:00 – 20:30 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

19:00 – 20:30 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**NEW** 19:00 – 20:30 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**13. Final Prayer**

The meeting closed with a prayer.