



# Parish of The Most Precious Blood

Part of the R.C. Diocese of Plymouth Reg. Charity No. 213227

Parish Priest: Canon Paul Cummins

## NOTES FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### **Introduction**

John Larter (JL) welcomed members to the meeting, explaining that Fr. Paul had requested, and authorised, the meeting to go ahead in his absence. The opening prayers and reflection were led by Ann.

**Apology for absence** from Una.

**Items from 16<sup>th</sup> July Meeting.** Parish Secretary has spoken to the Christian Aid representative and is continuing to ensure second collections are well spaced out.

No action yet on updating Parish Directory (JL and others will start on this shortly).

**Property Review update.** Most of PPC and Building Group met with architect on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Architect will produce set of plans with outline costs for new welcoming/meeting area, extension behind office and extension to Lady Chapel. These works could be done separately and/or in stages. These will then be presented to the parish, via static displays and meetings at which the architect will be present, for comments and discussion. Planning and Diocesan approvals will be required. Parish Treasurer will draw up schedules to show donations made by our parish over the years.

Fr. Paul had asked that a letter from a parishioner be placed before the PPC by JL. This was duly done and the contents noted and discussed – JL/Fr. Paul to respond to parishioner.

**“Sid Valley”.** Following a comment from a parishioner from Newton Poppleford, Prayers of the Faithful will in future refer to parishioners without reference to Sid Valley.

**Evangelisation.** A number of activities continue and more will be taking place. Of current activities the lighted cross, The Font, the work of SVP and “Holy Busking” were particularly noted. Christmas “shoe boxes” are supported by all and show our outreach work: Norma is arranging these.

**Year of Mercy.** 3 Faith meals/presentations have been arranged to look at religious attitudes to Mercy. Islam will be on 12<sup>th</sup> October led by Salma Layla (Sidmouth Tandoori), Catholic on 2<sup>nd</sup> November led by David Wells and Jewish on 23<sup>rd</sup> November led by Robin Kanarek (chaplain at Exeter University). A fish & chip supper is to be arranged for the David Wells presentation.

**PPC Elections:** timetable stands as per previous PPC meeting notes. Current members should be ready to discuss the PPC’s remit and activity with interested parishioners if required.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00a.m. in St Teresa's Hall. Prayers and reflection will be led by Jeremy. Notetaking by Norma.