



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 12th November 2016

Introduction.

John Larter (JL) welcomed members to the first meeting of the new PPC, and the first meeting for Andrew and Tanya as elected members. Cathy is now the ex-officio member for safeguarding. The opening prayers and reflection were led by Jeremy.

The role of the PPC and the way we work.

Members reaffirmed the Meeting Guidelines agreed last year as an excellent method of working. A note on the PPC purpose, workings and procedures was also circulated.

Items from 10th September Meeting.

Parish Directory now available. No outstanding items not covered elsewhere on our agenda.

Property Review update.

Cathy/Fr. Paul awaiting final plans and cost estimates from the architects. These will then be presented to the PPC and Diocesan Property Group before presentation to the parish. Cathy was congratulated on her hard work, persistence and diligence. Additional lighting for the Hall should be in place shortly, again with thanks to Cathy for her work in making this happen.

Evangelisation update.

The latest issue of The Font was well received; all agreed that we should record the excellent work done by Denise Bickley for The Font. Agreed that we should pay a commercial rate for design if needed and Michael will budget accordingly. JL will approach current designer to see if she would be interested in a paid assignment.

There are 2 more weeks to go to complete the initial phase of The Gift. This will then be rolled out to the parish with non-parishioners invited to attend.

The Faith meals have gone very well - the last one is on November 30th.

Various activities are being planned for the Crib evening on December 2nd.

Other Business

If required the PPC would offer a Stations of the Cross during Lent.

The importance of Saturday and Sunday homilies being positive and, if possible, inspirational was stressed.

Father Paul is looking at providing a less formal church service, which would not include communion, to attract younger parishioners and others.

The use of the Hall noticeboards as evangelisation outlets will be investigated. The possible use of Tanya's banner in the church or the Hall will be investigated (Michael, Tanya, John).

Next Meeting: Saturday 28th January 2017, 10.00a.m. in St Teresa's Hall. Prayers and reflection will be led by Tanya. Notetaking by Jeremy.