



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 28th January 2017

Introduction.

John Larter (JL) welcomed members to the first meeting of 2017 and advised that Geraldine had kindly agreed to take notes since Jeremy had to leave early. Opening prayers and reflection were led by Tanya.

Apology for absence from Naomi.

Items from 12th November Meeting.

The Font committee recently discussed the future publication of the magazine and agreed to defer until after Easter discussion of the way ahead and exploration of new methods of approach.

The Hall noticeboards have been updated.

The Evangelisation Team need more time to prepare presentation of the Gift to the parish. They are also looking at ways of encouraging young people to get more involved in church life with the possibility of a music group during Mass and an informal prayer meeting. Fr. Paul is still considering a less formal service.

Item brought forward by the Parish Priest.

There are gaps in the provision of religious information to schools, in support to young families and to help for the elderly and lonely. SVP is helping with the last of these, but the idea of a pastoral assistant was raised to address the first 2 issues. Members broadly supported this idea, on the basis of a paid position of perhaps 10 hours per week and a one year pilot. The position would need to go through the Diocesan recruitment and selection procedure.

Property Review update.

Due process has been followed in preparation of a proposal for this with many consultations with architects, the Building Group, PPC and small parishioner groups. A proposal is now being readied to be put to the parish. A well advertised meeting will take place and the outcome will be by consensus.

Other Business

Second collection dates were discussed. Collections should be advertised in the newsletter, and Gift Aid envelopes made available where provided, the week before.

The Sidmouth Healthcare Forum has a representative from only one religious group - Fr. Paul will raise this at the Clergy Fraternal to determine what should happen in the future.

A Dementia Awareness evening, presented by Mark McGlade has been arranged by SVP for 10th May in the Hall. An SVP awareness and publicity session will be held at parish coffee on Blessed Ozanam's birthday, April 23rd, with a donation basket for those who wish to contribute.

Next Meeting: Saturday 18th March 2017, 11.30a.m. in St Teresa's Hall. Prayers and reflection will be led by Norma. Notetaking by Andrew.