



Parish of The Most Precious Blood

Part of the P.C. Diocese of Plymouth Reg. Charity No. 212227

NOTES of THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 16th JULY 2016

Welcome & Apologies: Meeting chaired by John who welcomed everyone. Jeremy and Michael sent apologies. Una not present.

Prayer and reflection: John **Note taking:** Cathy

Items arising from 21st May Meeting

1) Following on from the discussion regarding the 'Formation' of parishioners and faith meals it was agreed that three sessions would be held during September/October on consecutive Wednesday evenings where we would invite speakers from other faiths to broaden our views on 'Mercy'. Each speaker would lead a session. Dates would depend on the availability of the speakers who are to be contacted. They are Robin Kanarek the Jewish Chaplain for Exeter University . Ann has discussed the event with her daughter in law, Fran Schacter, who is happy to cook some traditional Jewish food. Ahmad Al-Nozir the Muslim Chaplain for Exeter University . Salma Layla Sidmouth Tandoori to be approached to providing some food for the evening. Salma would also talk about her faith should the Imam not be available and lastly David Wells to provide a Catholic viewpoint. Food to be provided. Naomi to liaise with the above proposed speakers to arrange dates and times.

2) Second Collections . It was reported that our Christian Aid representative is unhappy that we had agreed not to hold a second collection for Christian Aid. Naomi to advise her that we will be raising funds for Christian Aid during the Christian Aid week but in a different form than a second collection. A notice will go into the newsletter requesting suggestions for raising funds. Suggestions so far from the PPC are a tea party or luncheon.

Property Review

Latest drawings by the architect were tabled. Cathy outlined the changes that the two bilateral (PPC/Building Group) meetings held on the 3rd June and the 1st July had produced. This was followed by a lengthy discussion resulting in some alterations to the design. It was also agreed that extra seating capacity was a priority and that it had to be included into the design at this time rather than being left for the future. Cathy to contact the architects to discuss in more detail to enable them to amend the plans accordingly if viable. Consultation with the parish will take place once this task has been completed.

Items brought by Parish Priest

Fr. Paul advised that he has now taken on the administrative role for Axminster, Seaton and Lyme Regis parishes.

Evangelisation

Agenda for next meeting

Year of Mercy

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PPC Elections

John ran through the dates for the election process. Final meeting for the current PPC is 10th September. At Masses on the 17th/18th and 24th/25th September Fr. Paul will announce the vacancies and will call for nominations. A notice will also be in the newsletter. Three weeks will be allowed for nominations to be received with a closing date of the 9th October. Elections if required will take place on the 22nd/23rd October with the results being announced on the 28th/29th October. The first meeting of the new PPC will be the 12th November.

Prayer and Reflection and Note Taking at next Meeting

Prayers and Reflection . Ann Note taking . Tanya

Any Other Business

The Parish Directory needs updating as some entries need revising. Naomi and John to work through this perhaps with assistance from The Font team.

Sidmouth in Bloom cards advertising the sponsors of flower baskets and troughs in the town are not that noticeable and parishioners may not realise that we have sponsored a couple of baskets and a trough. A note should go into the newsletter advising our sponsorship and also our support for the 1st concert at Folk Week. Naomi to action.

Date of Next Meeting:

Saturday 10th September at 10 a.m. in St Teresa's Hall