



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 27th May 2017

Introduction.

John Larter welcomed members and extended a warm welcome to Maria as a guest speaker.

Apologies from Jeremy, Tanya and Andrew.

Prayer and Reflection by Naomi.

Foodbank:

Maria gave a run down on the way in which the foodbank operated. Key points were:

The contents of a typical package which should last a family of 3/4 for 3 days.

400+ parcels given out in 2016 but already in 2017 the figure is in excess of 200

People are very generous – the foodbank box in Waitrose is being emptied 5 times a week!

There is a follow up procedure particularly if more than one parcel is given.

Over 80 Christmas hampers were given out last Christmas.

The two major current causes for this need are the benefits cap and PIT.

This in a town which is supposed to be affluent!

Items from 18th March meeting:

Safeguarding – Diocese happy to do a presentation; after discussion decided to leave for now.

Fr Kilgariff's 90th - in hand. Fr Paul is dealing with this.

Items from the Parish Priest: None not elsewhere on the agenda

Church Development Project

Progressing on schedule. The Diocese has been written to with the proposals: once approval to proceed is received, formal planning will be undertaken.

Evangelisation team

Needs to be revisited. Pastoral Assistant's role has been helpful. The team needs to make others aware of what is going on and invite them along. Two aspects prayer and 'knocking on doors'.

The Manchester prayer effort was very successful.

Need to emphasise newsletter 'prompts to prayer'

Dementia

John mentioned the awareness evening and the document about church's efforts to be dementia friendly. This needs to be borne firmly in mind when the new building works are in hand.

Masses for the sick and housebound - there will be more and Fr Paul said this was in hand.

PPC Membership

The office of Parish Pastoral Assistant should be an automatic ex-officio place on the PPC. Therefore Naomi Hogg will have to stand down as an elected member as she will automatically become a member of the PPC. There will therefore need to be an election for another member in the Autumn.

AOB - An appeal for more 'Red Boxes' was proposed. Fr Paul to handle this.

Next Meeting 29th July in the Hall at 10.00am. Notes by Cathy and Prayers by Norma.