

## Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Haworth - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 19.30

**Present:** Tony Nolan, Fiona Moen, Catherine Tyldesley, Chris Issott, Barbara Cox, John Drury, John Breen, Fr. Dennis Cassidy, Sheila Forde, Sheila Butler, Peter Butler, Mags Smith

**Apologies:** Debra Butler, Eileen Nolan, Steve & Christine Kelly and Davina-Jo Otterburn.

### 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer by Fr.Dennis

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 1/12/2016

- The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### 3. Matters arising

- Fr Dennis asked if the font could be moved onto the existing floorboards. It was agreed to do this.
- The Christmas fayre had been well attended. £683 was raised (£400 for the Parish, £268 was kept back towards the SVP dinner). Thanks were given for a donation from St. Joseph's piety stall. It was good to see such great support from those who came from St. Joseph's.  
*Peter will ask Steve to put this in the bulletin.*
- Clarification was given with regard to being transparent about how the sale of the land would be handled. Saying too much too soon could raise hopes and then things may not happen, likewise quoting figures could affect the sale. Commonsense is required and it was agreed that we trust the Property group to do what was required and to report back.

### 4. Sub-committee updates

- **Finance** - Fr Dennis is happy the way things are going. Chris and Fr. Dennis have yet to hold their meeting.
- **Property** – There had been a Property group meeting last week and another is to be held next week. Valuations have been received. Spring is the best time to market the property. Various ideas have been received and an architect is onboard. It was agreed an extension onto the church is the preferred option but mixed use of the church is not wanted. The back wall of the Sacristy will need to come down as it is in a bad state. There is lots of room at the back or side of the church to build on. All options will be considered and voted on.  
A suggestion was made that the woodland area could be turned into consecrated ground for Catholics who have been cremated.  
Peter visited another church recently and was impressed with their extension. He will get contact details so that 1 or 2 of the group can visit.
- **Clearout** – Sheila reported that the group is looking for a wardrobe to hold the beautiful vestments from Fr Dennis. We thank him for those and the lectern and benches which now belong to the Parish.  
Father and Tony were clearing out items at Our Lady of Victories and Father has applied to the Diocese for approval to move the Reredos to OLL.  
The new wall hangings need to be fixed asap. *Trevor and Tony will do this after Saturday morning Mass.*

A skip will be hired after Christmas to take away the junk. The SVP have now cleared their items out.

There had been an excellent response to 'Brass Sunday'. *Steve to put a note of thanks in the bulletin.*

## **5. Liturgy**

- There was only one older child for the Liturgy this week though the group of little ones has increased. It was suggested the change of Mass time may have had an effect.
- Peter has ordered one month free supply of Children's Mass cards. If these are acceptable they can be supplied at £10 a month from The Redemptorist Printing Co.
- Midnight Mass Liturgy – *John to send Peter the list of Carols so he can pick out fitting readings.*

## **6. Communication –**

- The bulletin is much improved though there was some discussion that Our Lady of Lourdes is referred to as a 'chapel of ease'! It was felt this changed our identity.
- The website is still under construction but the Facebook page is up and running. Notices are added to the Facebook page which is growing in member numbers and is monitored by Mags and Sheila.

## **7. Parish Activities**

- Games Night was a great success.
- Christmas Fayre was another excellent event
- A day of recollection is coming up on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Barbara and Fiona are preparing soup.
- For Spring a car treasure hunt was suggested. Barbara has details, this is not who can do it in the fastest time but who does it in the least miles. Provisional date of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017
- A games night at the Keighley Catholic Centre was put forward to include more parishioners from OLL and St Joseph's. Venue and date to be confirmed.

## **8. Parish Groups**

- Fr Dennis, Paul and Rosemary would like to arrange a scripture group in the Spring. More details to follow.
- SVP no new updates
- Eucharist Ministers – Peter has spoken to a couple of new people and is getting a list together.

## **9. Safeguarding**

- The DBS forms are out and should be returned asap.

## **10. Any other business**

- St. Joseph's Primary School would like to come and sing at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017
- Thanks given to all who have attended

**Next Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm**

Meeting Closed at 20.55pm

