

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ebor Lane, Haworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 14th July 2016 at the Church Meeting Rooms, Ebor Lane, Haworth.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Present: Peter Butler (Chair), Sheila Butler, Steve Kelly, John Drury, Sharon Purvis, Chris Issott and Mags Smith

1. **Apologies:** Tony Nolan
2. **Introduction:** Peter gave the reasons for the reconvening of the Parish Council following a two year break. There has been no news from the Bishop with regard to the re-organising of the Keighley Parishes, but with the sudden loss of 9 Priests (3 from illness), some arrangements had to be made. The Bishop noted the proposals put forward but in the meantime it has been decided to move Fr Mike to Patley Bridge and for Fr Dennis Cassidy to become Priest Administrator. The final decision on the Keighley parishes is still to come from the Bishop.
3. **Feedback from meeting with Fr Dennis:** Peter and Tony met with Fr Dennis who is a young approachable man. The Parish Council has been reconvened to help Fr Dennis in his new role. The following issues were discussed:
 - Gift Aid would continue and the book-keeping would be done in-house. A sub Finance Committee will be established led by Chris Issott which would report back to the full Council meetings. Volunteers will be required to help with the spreadsheets and banking the money on Mondays.
 - Fr Dennis would like our bulletin to be incorporated into the bulletin produced at Our Lady of Victories. This would inform parishioners of items such as Mass times across all Parishes. Fr Dennis will speak to Michelle who does the bulletin. The website will continue for the time being but may be combined in future with the other churches.
 - Bidding Prayers – Fr Dennis will write these.
 - Mass – The time for Sunday Mass will have to change to 10.30am to give Fr Dennis time to get here following Mass at St. Joseph's. The Altar will need to be prepared for him by a volunteer. A list of keyholders and a rota will be produced.
 - There will be three Masses during the week Tuesday at 7.30pm, Wednesday at 9.30am and Saturday at 10.30am.
 - Brian will continue as altar server with some new boys and girls (two are already being trained by Peter).
 - The meeting rooms are not used enough. We need to think what other groups could be encouraged to use them, i.e., SVP, Lunch clubs for the Elderly, Mother's Union and Toddler groups and Churches Together meetings. If we show the rooms are being used regularly it might make a difference to decisions in the future.
 - Music – John will speak to Fr Dennis about the music. It was suggested we let Fr Dennis see what we do before any decisions are made. John would like to keep the 'Gloria' in particular and it is well liked by the congregation. It was felt important that Fr Dennis understands that it is a noisy church before Mass starts. Suggestions that a bell is rung a few minutes before the start of Mass or an announcement 'let's gather ourselves before Mass begins' may work.

Fr. Dennis' words: 'Do not think you do not have a Priest at Haworth, because you do.' He will think of us the same as parishioners at St. Joseph's.

4. Discussion Points:

- Fr Mike's last Mass will be Sunday 28th August. It was suggested that the move to a 10.30am start for Mass should be taken mid August to acclimatise people before Fr Dennis arrives.
- A point was made about parking on Mytholmes Lane as the sign states parking allowed between 9.30-11.30am. Mags will query this with Cllr Rebecca Poulsen but it wasn't thought to be a big problem as those who park on Mytholmes Lane are usually ones who want to leave straight after Mass.
- The Parish Council needs to be a strong group with members who will be proactive and who will make sure the Parish needs are met both spiritually and socially to become a true Community.
- Steve has offered to help Peter with the new altar servers. If more can be encouraged to serve, a rota can be drawn up so a server does not have to be there every week but can join in the Children's liturgy which they enjoy.
- New members of the Parish Council need to be identified, especially ones whose skills can be utilised. We should ask people to join a vibrant Committee. It is suggested Tony asks at the end of Mass for people to get involved.
- Sub Committees: Sub Committees will have a leader who will report to the Full Parish Council.
Finance Committee – Led by Chris Issott with Ellen Nolan
Liturgy (to include Children's Liturgy and Music) - Led by Peter
Building Maintenance -
Cleaning (to include flowers, Altar linen) -
Matli Committee -
Social Committee (to include Coffee morning rota)-

Those already involved in these tasks will be asked if they are willing to continue.

The Minutes of the full Council meeting will be printed and available at the back of the Church and on the noticeboard.

5. Fr. Mike's Leaving Do: Will be held at Keighley Rugby Union Club on Friday 26th August 2016.

Sheila and Barbara Cox have arranged to organise catering with a 'sticker' booklet with various dishes on each slip for people to take to provide whatever is on the slip.

Items, if possible should be brought to Church on Friday morning for transporting to the venue.

Envelopes will be provided for those who would like to contribute to a leaving present. A cheque will be present to Fr. Mike on the evening.

Music – John is unable to commit but would perhaps do a few tunes. Tony to organise other music.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th August 2016 at 7pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8.23pm