

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 19.30**

**Present:** Tony Nolan, Barbara Cox, John Drury, John Breen, Steve Kelly, Christine Kelly, Fr. Dennis Cassidy, Steph Bailey, Sheila Forde, Sheila Butler, Peter Butler & Davina-Jo Otterburn.

**Apologies:** Chris Issott, Debra Butler, Mags Smith, Paul Monaghan & Rosemary Monaghan.

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

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 16/08/16**

- Everyone agreed that the minutes were accurate.

### **3. Feedback from Fr.Dennis**

- Fr. Dennis felt he'd had a warm welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and it had been a positive start.
- Anointing of the Sick mass showed that there are already strong existing links between St.Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes.
- Daily masses are better attended.
- Sacred objects from Our Lady of Victories could be brought across to Our Lady of Lourdes to replace old existing objects i.e chalices, lectern, benches on the altar.
- Fr.Dennis enquired about the new envelopes. They have arrived and will be distributed in December as they always have been.
- The font in church will stay where it is.
- Discussion about the church décor – decided not to take things away without replacing them. Need to start thinking about repositioning statues and looking what is in storage in the sacristy. A meeting at a later date will be held in the church to make more informed decisions.
- Condition of the sacristy is a concern but might not be wise to spend money on it when the future of it is uncertain. It was agreed that advice would be sought and any urgent work needed would be done. The repair to the outside of the church was deemed a priority and would need to be sorted before the winter. Barbara is to ask Trevor to assess the other work to be done.
- Christmas masses will stay as they have been (Christmas Eve Torchlight Carol Service and mass 23.30 and mass on Christmas Day 10.30)
- Fr. Dennis will include names of mass offerings in the Eucharistic Prayer but will not formally announce this at the beginning of mass. A request for mass intentions for Our Lady of Lourdes to be added to the bulletin.
- A list of House Bound relatives is being collated.

- Steve offered to be bulletin coordinator to ensure that all information gets to Michelle/Fr.Dennis. Parishioners to be told this so all information about the parish is shared effectively. It was the general feeling that the new bulletin needs to be clearer and that Our Lady of Lourdes needs a bigger representation. Hopefully, having Steve to coordinate will help with this. It was decided that a separate bulletin for Our Lady of Lourdes would not give the right impression.
- Joint committee meetings with St Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes will start in April.
- There was a request for Fr. Dennis to give general announcements for the week at the end of mass. This was agreed but someone would have to coordinate so it was ready for Fr's arrival on a Sunday morning.

#### 4. Sub-committee updates

- Finance - all accounts have been updated onto the computer and are all in order. Sheila and Chris will need to meet Fr to discuss the finances of the parish. Receipts for general purchases (flowers etc) can continue to work in the same way through taking cash and replacing with receipts.
- Property – property group has been formed and will meet on 04/10/16 (not 06/10/16 as previously calendared). To date, maps have been consulted and it might be problematic to get planning permission due to green belt in the area. One main restriction could be access, might have to think about changing this from Ebor Lane to Mytholmes Lane. Sources of extra funding to be investigated. Might be better to add onto existing church. It was decided that a vision was needed to present to builders and then deal with obstacles as appropriate. Representation from the whole parish needed and feedback is crucial. Could look into selling the house with a condition that we get a bespoke building in return to meet the parish needs. A tenant is not possible in the house due to security responsibility. The house will need to be sold and valuation needs to be sought. Will have to share funds from house sale with St.Joseph's.
- Clearout – Clearout in the sacristy has been started but there's still lots to do particularly in the house. Need a group of willing helpers and a skip when clearing the cellar.

#### 5. Liturgy

- Music – a quiet start to the mass was discussed again. An idea to have a bell ring, then some quiet music before Fr comes into church was discussed. If this goes ahead, John will need to make an announcement to explain the new routine.

#### 6. Day to Day Arrangements

- Church continues to be opened as required.

- A group has been formed to ensure church is ready for mass on Sunday morning.
- More volunteers are needed for little children's liturgy.
- Cleaning products will need to be bought to clean the house and the cash claimed back. Christine to ensure the toilets and kitchen are cleaned and provide toilet roll.
- Cleaning of main meeting room is the responsibility of parishioners on coffee duty (this might need to be reiterated). A deep clean once a month will need to be done in addition to this.
- Fr.Dennis will talk to Fr Mike about the heating. A rota will be made of parishioners who will turn heating on on a Saturday evening in preparation for Sunday mass.
- Tony is sorting timers for the lights in the upstairs of the house.

#### 7. Parish Activities

- Christmas Fayre will go ahead - date to be finalised.
- Spiritual lead up to Christmas will include a mini day of recollection on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12.30-16.00. This will include a shared lunch prior and a separate afternoon planned for the children to encourage parents to attend. (Sheila to ask Catherine if the time could be used to practise for the Nativity).
- Proposed date for the Nativity is 17/12/16 (Catherine to confirm)
- Our Lady of Lourdes Games / Quiz Night with pie and peas planned for 12/11/16. Tony and Barbara to organise.

#### 8. AOB

- Parking – still waiting for clarification and this is unlikely to come in the near future.
- SVP trip to Salmsbury Hall was a success.
- Davina offered to set up a Toddler Group and feed back to council at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 01/11/16

Meeting Closed at 21.14