

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Haworth - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th February 2017 – 19.30

Present: Tony Nolan (Chair), Sheila Butler, Peter Butler, Fr. Dennis Cassidy, Barbara Cox, John Drury, Sheila Forde, Chris Issott, Christine Kelly, Steve Kelly, Fiona Moen, Davina-Jo Otterburn, Catherine Tyldesley, Mags Smith

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer by Fr.Dennis

2. Apologies: None received.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 6th December 2016

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

4. Matters arising

- The font hasn't been moved yet as the floor needs strengthening. This is in hand and will be completed before Easter.
- There was an incorrect date in the Minutes. St.Joseph's school choir will attend Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on 12th March 2017.

5. Finance

Fr Dennis would like to set up a Finance Committee with three people from St. Joseph's and three from Our Lady of Lourdes in early April. Debts and assets will be merged after the year end in April. Fr Dennis gave an estimate of the current balances as follows: £33,000 in the account at Our Lady's, £25,000 in St. Joseph's account. The debt stands at £160,000 at St. Joseph's and £13,000 at Our Lady's.

The new Committee will go through the accounts and present a Financial Report for all the Parish and a Budget will be set.

Chris Issott offered to be on the Committee.

6. Merger of the Parishes

The final merger of the Parishes should be complete by May. It was agreed there would then be a wider meeting followed by a social to which all the Parish would be invited. A BBQ was suggested and Barbara has a marquee which will take 8/10 people to erect.

The date will be Friday 12th May

The meeting will start at 7pm and the social at 8.15pm.

Barbara, Fiona and Sheila Butler will arrange the social event.

7. Property Group

Chris reported that there had been no further movement. The group is waiting for the diocese Property Manager to contact the Architect. The site plans need to be drawn up and the options decided.

It was agreed an email should be sent from the Parish Council expressing their disappointment at the delay and request that the Architect speaks to the Property Manager as soon as possible so that things can progress.

The building cannot be put up for sale until a decision is made on how much land there will be in the sale.

8. Liturgy

- **Children's Liturgy** Mark and Steve do great work with the children and we appreciate and support what they do. More liturgists are required and training given.

The older children were being kept back too long and missing the start of the Eucharist. Father will discuss this with Mark and Tony.
There are enough catechists for the younger children but they need to be reminded about the rota and to get cover if they are not available.

- Thanks were given to Father for his work over the Christmas period. It was much appreciated.
- Easter – Palm Sunday – Mass as normal in both churches.
Maundy Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by watching until 10pm. Father will perform the feet washing. Benches will be placed on either side of the altar.
Good Friday – St Joseph's – Service at 3pm. Stations of the cross and veneration.
Our Lady of Lourdes - Stations of the Cross 7pm
Easter Saturday – Vigil Mass at St Joseph's ONLY at 7pm.
Easter Sunday – Mass as usual St. Joseph's 9.00am and Our Lady's at 10.30am
Full details will be in the Churches Together insert in the Worth Reading newsletter.
- **Music** – The response for the Psalms at the beginning of Mass is working well.
The new Mass John has written is being learnt.
- There will be three Lenten talks. A date will be confirmed for a half day of Reconciliation at the end of Lent.

9. Communication –

- The Website and Facebook pages are performing well. Sheila uploads the bulletin on Saturday evening.

10. Parish Activities

- The date for the car treasure hunt is changed to 23rd April because of the arrival of the Flying Scotsman in the village.
- The Toddler group is up and running with around ten children attending.
- Cleaning of the church is being done once a month and is working well.
- The Confessionals are nearly ready just awaiting carpet to be laid.
- Peter told the group about the fundraising being done for Catrina Farnell who requires £12,000 to go to Los Angeles to receive treatment and asked if we can support her in some way. It was agreed that Tony would speak about the fundraising at Mass and a collection would follow. It was suggested a collection should also be carried out at St. Joseph's as Catrina's family were known there too. The date for the collection will be 19th March.
- Tony circulated pictures of the Raredos to be placed behind the altar when approval is given at the diocesan meeting in March.

11. Safeguarding

- The DBS's are all up to date now.

12. Health and Safety

Father will get the current insurance certificate to Tony to display.

13. Date of next meeting

Joint meeting Friday 12th May 2017

Thanks were given to all who do work in the Parish.

The Meeting closed with a prayer at 21.20pm