

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES – 19.10.23
BCRH at 7.00 pm**

Present:

Clergy: Father Ruscillo (Parish Priest, Chair); Father Harrison (Assistant Priest); Father Siandele (Assistant Priest); Father Gaskin (Assistant Priest)

Church Reps: Pat Cadman (St A); Jack Johnstone and James Knox (OLSJ); Carolyn Aitkin and Kathy Holden-Smith (OLSW); Ros Gibson and Greg Smith (Christ the King); Tina Battle (St B); Francesca Robinson and Kath Cameron (St MM)

Committee Reps: Paul Lovell (Building and H&S); Tricia Turner (Safeguarding)

Apologies: Rev Bill Kirkley (Deacon); (OLSJ); Ann Watson (St A); Vinish Maliekal (St B); Ann Pinguey (Finance)

1. Welcome and Prayer led by Father Ruscillo

Fr Gaskin was welcomed back to the parish, having previously served in most of the churches in Carlisle - he is living at St Margaret Mary's, Scalegate Road, and has been appointed Assistant Priest.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (21.09.23)

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting

3. Matters Arising not covered on the Agenda

None

4. PPC Business

Nothing to discuss at present

5. Reports

(a) Finance:

These were reviewed by the members of the PPC

No questions or comments

Buildings:

- Ongoing negotiations for ground floor BCRH
- Reconfiguration for users in BCRH underway
- Trees in the grounds of various churches are being tended
- Electrical assessments BCRH; electricians need renewed (it is 5 years since this was last undertaken)
- Compliance checks in all churches continue
- Harraby Catholic Club ongoing, engagement sought
- Rectory plumbing: warranty for the pump being reviewed
- Utility bills and billing: there has been issues with SMART meters; now photographing meters every month, putting info on a spreadsheet and sending to utility companies; still negotiating with Castle Water regarding outstanding sum due
- Outside lighting at OLSJ – survey being carried out; St MM also have an issue with outside lighting – will be reviewed
- All properties filled and leased

- An update on progress at St Edmund's was circulated (to go on church notice boards); it was noted that the building is still owned by the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(b) Safeguarding: nothing to report

Syro-Malabar community: safeguarding is progressing and, once complete, copies of completed safeguarding paperwork to be given to St Bede's Parish Safeguarding Rep (Tina Battle) for filing

Thanks were given to all Safeguarding Reps.

6. House Groups

In hand, not yet advertised

7. Purgatorial Society

A group of parishioners formed the Cumbrian Purgatorial Society for the purpose of praying for the dead and arranging for Holy Mass to be offered for their souls. You are invited, to visit <http://www.prayforsouls.uk> and register the names of loved ones to be remembered in the daily prayers and monthly Mass of the Society

The November list envelopes: there is to be a tick box on each envelope giving an option to enrol those who have died to be included on a list of names of people who are prayed for and for whom a monthly Mass is offered (details on the Purgatorial Society website) – a voluntary donation is appreciated

Mass on Saturday 4th November 10.00 am at St Margaret Mary's, with music by the Brampton Consort, followed by a talk presented by Fr Ruscillo, to take place in the Parish Centre. Coffee and cake provided. Benediction is at 12 noon

8. Youth initiatives

Jack Regan – Castlerigg: a meeting has been arranged in November - four people have shown an interest in being part of a core team for a youth group (10, 11, 12 year olds to begin with). The group would meet in BCRH and be open to the whole parish, during term time, once a week

9. Solemn Exposition

New dates: November 17th, 18th and 19th at Christ the King; sign up lists are ready to go into all the churches

Note: enough people need to sign up for the watching over the three days, otherwise, this may be reduced to two days (Saturday and Sunday)

10. Diocesan Centenary

Celebrations across the Diocese 2024 to 2025.

Date for diary: 8th September 2025, in Cleator, there will be a pilgrimage (it is hoped to provide a bus for parishioners to attend)

11. The Relics of St Andrew, St Columba and St Margaret of Scotland (review)

Great coverage, plenty of people attended, no complaints received

Another event: *St Michael of the Archangel Tour* is being considered (talks to be held between the Deanery and KSC)

Feast of St Wilfred: an exceptional celebration of this Feast Day, with a good turnout (43)

Proposal: to celebrate each church's Patron Saint

12. Christmas Masses/Parish Carol Service

Masses last year were discussed and an amended timetable agreed for this year:

Vigil Masses: 4.00 pm St A; 6.00 pm St MM; 6.00 pm St Bede's; Midnight at OLSJ

Christmas Day Masses: 8.00 am OLSW; 9.30 am St B; 10.00 am OLSJ; 10.00 am CtK; 11.00am St A

Carol Concert 17th December at 6.30 pm: there have been two practice meetings at St A, with a good number attending:

- the order of service is ready;
- it is hoped to involve children's liturgy groups in a candlelight processions (not real candles);
- Readers need to be contacted (one from each church if possible);
- licensing of photocopying was discussed

Action: to go ahead with purchase of a licence (£380) for our parish

Catering at St A was discussed (Level 2 hygiene required) Action: Pat to enquire

Carols for half an hour before each of the Vigil Masses was *agreed*

13. Any Other Business

Keeping up to date the book recording deaths was discussed and parishioners who carried out this task in each church identified

Action: Volunteer for St MM to be sought

Feast of all Souls: Thursday 2nd November

OLSW 10.00 am followed by blessing of graves

St A 11.00 am followed by cemetery visit for blessing of graves

St MM 11.00 am followed by cemetery visit for blessing of graves

OLSJ 12.00 noon followed by blessing of graves

Carlisle Cemetery 2.30 pm for blessing of graves

The forming of a *Young Adults Group* was discussed

Action: Agenda item for next meeting

St B: Over 70s Christmas Dinner is to be held at Noon on 10th December - priority is given to the sick and housebound (max 50 people)

14. Date of next meeting

16 November

19 December (to be confirmed)

15. Final Prayer

Led by Father Gaskin