

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES – 16.05.24
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 and Ann Watson (St A); Carolyn Aitkin (OLSW); Ros Gibson (Christ the King); James Knox and Jack Johnstone (OLSJ); Francesca Robinson (St MM); Tina Battle (St B)

Committee Reps: Tricia Turner (Safeguarding)

Apologies: Rev Bill Kirkley (Deacon); Vinish Maliekal (St B); Kathy Holden-Smith (OLSW); Kath Cameron (St MM); Greg Smith (Christ the King); Ann Pinguey (Finance); Paul Lovell (Building and H&S)

1. Welcome and Prayer led by Father Ruscillo, with a special welcome (back) to Fathers Siandele and Harrison

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (18.4.24)

Accepted as a true record of the meeting

3. Matters Arising not covered on the Agenda

The price of the new Lectionary is £695, required for each church - a 15% discount is available for early ordering; there is a Chapel version (for BCRH); the schools will also need to purchase a Chapel version

A Missal (Sunday's and Holy Days only) is £20, which covers all three years, with a 'better quality' version available for £30; a Daily Missal is not being released until January 2025.

Each church will provide Mass leaflets.

4. PPC Business

None at present

The counting of the weekly collection was discussed, with the option of all offerings being counted and banked from BCRH. After consideration, it was agreed not to change the current process, ie, each church counts and banks its own offerings.

Action: recruit more parishioners to count the offerings.

5. Reports

(a) Tricia Turner (Safeguarding)

- Change to notice in newsletter regarding Level 1 Safeguarding leaflet requested and agreed.
- Audit put back to September
- It was requested, and agreed, that any new appointments (requests to volunteer/help out) within the parish should be referred to the relevant Parish Safeguarding Representative for DBS clearance/Level 1 training leaflet (if required)

(b) Ann Pinguet and Paul Lovell (Buildings and Finance)

Finance:

- *Hall hire*: it would be useful to have a breakdown for hall hire **Action: Betty**
- *St Edmund's site*: has been leased from the parish by the Council for a year; the invoices are now sent directly to the school, rather than the Council. An extra £20K (money outstanding due to a misunderstanding) should be shown in the accounts reviewed
- *Pooled Investment Fund (PIF) held by the Diocese*: this fund is 'ring fenced' but the parish does receive interest (after the diocese takes a share). This fund is in the region of £653K, with £12K due as interest.

Buildings

- Adult Services move into BCRH: paperwork with the lawyers
- List of properties (28 in No) requested for next meeting **Action: Paul/Betty**
- Christ the King: Stain glass window broken: this was discussed and it was highlighted, again, that there is still no Wi-Fi in the church (kit in situ but no power source), hence CCTV footage of the incident is not available **Action: Paul**

6. House Groups

It was agreed to resume this again during Lent next year

7. Our Lady and St Wilfrid's

Still in Phase 1, ie, putting bids in for £45K needed; an enquiry has been made to Diocesan Finance, who indicated that the Trustees are already backing this project

8. Parish Sisters

The Bishop and Mother General have signed the contract; the four sisters are currently applying for employment

9. Youth initiatives

- a. *Spark* – item in the newsletter. This is proving to be a good initiative, with the children faithful in attending; Castlerigg are doing a good job, but may consider leaving us to continue to run the project ourselves within the near future
- b. Young Adults Group – nothing to report

10. Events

1st June Mass for the sick: Greg is not available to do the music – others alternatives being sourced; invitations are being sent out via the Extraordinary Ministers; all are welcome to the Mass and subsequent lunch, in the Waterton Hall, by registering with the office (as advised in the newsletter); SVP will pay for taxis if necessary; parish to pay for food; SVP to set up and serve

9th June Blessed Sacrament procession 3.00 pm Sunday afternoon: Greg will provide music; Knights of St Columba will be there; it is hoped that the First Communicants will 'dress up' and join in (in this weekend's newsletter)

26th September Confirmation: in the evening (at whichever church has the most candidates)

11. Holy Hour at St Bede's

Response has not been great - four people have signed up to facilitate this.

12. Reflections on Zambia Visit: Fr Paul

Father Harrison gave a very interesting reflection on his visit to Zambia, highlighting the many differences between our countries.

The church desperately needs a crucifix and Father Harrison proposes to raise money for a crucifix for them (£1,900); they also need a tabernacle (it was agreed to consider sending them a spare one); vestments and altar linens have been sent via Fr Siandele, and their gratitude was sent to the parish via Father Siandele.

13. Mass times on Clergy Conference Days

The meeting was advised that there would be one Mass, early in the morning, on Clergy Conference/Deanery Conference Days, so all Clergy can attend.

14. Any Other Business

- Parking at OLSJ is a problem for the Noon Mass **Action: to be discussed at the Waterton Hall meeting**
- Statue at Cardinal Newman School to be dedicated on 7th June
- National Meeting of Knights of St Columba to be held at BCRH 8th June

15. Date of next meeting

18th July

17th October

16. Final Prayer

Led by Father Siandele