



HOLY CROSS PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 26th September 2018

ATTENDEES:

PC President
CW Chair
VF Secretary
SC
DB
LH
PG
BF
RT
SH
MU
KS
MH

APOLOGIES:

GF
AM
VB

MINUTES

Opening prayer was followed by apologies and approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th May 2018. It was agreed that the Minutes were a true and correct interpretation of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Planning the Future of our Parish: PC reported on the decline in the number of vocations. Given the age of many of our serving priests and the number who are falling ill or retiring, many parishes have now been linked with adjacent parishes, but are served by a single priest. It is anticipated that this arrangement will apply to Holy Cross in the near future. It would be prudent to start planning for this now. The key change will be that lay people will be invited to become much more involved in the running of their parishes.

A member of the PPC produced a series of papers summarising the discussions which had taken place following the 2002 Diocesan Assembly and with a view to drawing up a Parish Pastoral Plan. It was agreed that this would be a very helpful basis on which to continue work, so as not to "reinvent the wheel". It was agreed that copies of this material would be

circulated to each PPC member before the next meeting to be used in connection with the S.W.A.T. analysis in connection with this matter.

A Liturgy planning committee has already been set up. Bible study and scripture reading has been suggested and every generation to be encouraged. Our mission is to promote the mission of the church and to maintain the established plan to include something from each area:

- House groups
- Evening prayer group
- Weekly Rosary during Advent

PG responded to suggestions of using previously mooted plans by reminding us that in the last 10 years people's attitudes and understanding have changed and a wealth of experience in various disciplines has come in to the parish. PC agreed some ideas are relevant and a lot of consultation has taken place over the last 15 years. The Bishop has agreed that ideas collected should be put into practice. We need to identify what is practical and the availability and willingness of volunteers. Father pointed out that he says Mass each weekday often to no more than 4 people and 3 or 4 parishioners attend Mass at school on Friday afternoon. With house groups and prayers groups we have enough critical mass to turn ideas into reality, but we urgently need to build numbers in the parish. CW suggested Eucharistic services to replace weekday Mass on occasions required. Children's prayer group leader to get the men to attend prayer groups. LH to attend Thursday evening prayer groups in the meeting room to see what can be done to include social interaction for the children.

A request for Evening Prayer books to be ordered was made and is subject to approval. Group to meet at 6pm every Thursday evening from 11th October, if agreed.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Liturgy & Worship

Hazelgrove Care Home: Service for residents. Father spoke of the residents high dependency with most suffering dementia. Three parishioners have come forward to volunteer. Father said music helps and he will go back to the manager with our proposal once we have decided on how music can be introduced. These services will take place during the day once a month and will follow the format of an opening hymn, a few words, further hymn, a short prayer and closing hymn. A notice will go in the newsletter once arrangements have been finalised.

Father was pleased to announce that we have three more Eucharistic Ministers, SC, PG and SB and the Commissioning Mass will take place at

the Cathedral on **Saturday 18th November at 11.30 a.m.** and the Bishop will preside.

Eucharistic Congress: Two members of the parish who attended reported that feedback to Eucharistic ministers would be difficult as they were unable to take notes due to the seating arrangements at the conference, but videos of talks and inspirational keynote speakers are available on line at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018> and <http://ccn-cbcew.coveragebook.com/b/3f40e44d>.

The congress was very intense and spiritually rewarding. Bishops and clergy from all over the UK attended and the event was very well supported. A briefing for attendees and all parishioners will take place at **St. Benedict's Academy Derby on Saturday 20th October 10 am to 2.30 pm.**

Pastoral

General Data Protection Regulations - Data protection regulations changed in May 2018 and the protection of personal information has been increased. PC attended a seminar in Newark and a copy of the slides was circulated to the council. He confirmed that all regulations have been put into place within our parish and all information is kept in a locked cabinet and computer data is encrypted and password protected. As a result, on line newsletters have had names removed to ensure all regulations are enforced and adhered to. Fines for breaches of regulations are astronomical.

Churches Together

Although people only meet twice a year, they send regular communications. Members of our parish have met with the Baptist pastor regarding evangelisation plans, but these have dropped off.

Catechetics

RCIA - this is a process by which people who wish to be received into the church at Easter can meet for instruction. As this is already set up and running at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Bulwell, anyone from our parish in Hucknall wishing to join must speak to Father for further information.
Baptism - Instruction is run by PC and DB and the next meeting for parents wishing to have their child/children baptised will take place on **Tuesday 16th October.** Those wishing to have their child baptised during Mass can do so, but most wish to have a separate service due to the number of friends and family wishing to attend.

Finance

VG has now retired from the finance committee and Father made special mention of thanks for all his dedicated years of commitment to our parish. We are happy to welcome three new members, AH, JC and OB. The first meeting to include new members will take place later this month on a date to be arranged.

Bazaar – This takes place during half term week and therefore EH will set everything up in the Meeting Room on **Friday 26th October**. Donations of cakes and goods appeal to be publicised in the newsletter.

Plant and Buildings

A five-year plan produced by VG following the quinquennial inspection was circulated to the PPC. Father has commissioned a firm of architects to draw up plans for a disabled/multifunctional toilet. This will be displayed at the back of church once completed and a builder will be appointed once this happens. New flooring in the sacristy and confessionals has been completed and the Lightning Conductor work has also been carried out. The Hanlon Trust Fund is paying for this. Grass to replace the crazy paving in front of the presbytery is still in the planning stage. Once this is completed it will require maintenance and an appeal for volunteers will be made. A member of the committee has suggested a team of volunteers to attend to gardens around the church could meet on a Saturday morning at a date and time in the spring to be arranged. MH to coordinate this.

New Arrangements for Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy

Big changes are taking place now that Holy Cross is part of the Super Multi Academy Trust. Four counties have C.M.A.T. trusts incorporating primary and secondary schools. Ours is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. The former head of Becket School is now Chief Executive and manages a high-powered team who will manage budgets, delivery of performance, standards etc. This extra layer above the head teacher will ensure staff efficiency. Former governing bodies have shrunk and there is now a minimum of four foundation governors and two staff governors to ensure the Catholic life of the school is maintained. This transfer went live this month. The basic principles of the new regime are sound and will ensure our schools are as good as, if not better than non-Catholic schools. A hard copy hand book is available from the school if anyone requires more detailed information about the working of the new C.M.A.T.s.

Community Activities

Curry Night: PC is hosting this event and hopes for a good attendance.

Wednesday Morning Mass: Will offer tea and coffee, soup and a roll in the meeting room after half term. This is being supported by a member of the Parish Council and we say a big thank you to SH. This new initiative is hoped to encourage more attendance at Mass and to reach out to

neighbours, Catholic and non-Catholic, who may be lonely. This will be advertised in the newsletter and our website.

AOB

Christmas Concert: We will ask MA to organise Carol Service/Concert for Christmas.

Rosary: Father is currently saying the five sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary in response to the bishop's initiative to do penance for the wrong done to vulnerable people by some in the church and has asked parishioners to join him on Friday mornings at 9a.m. until Easter. BF has prepared pamphlets of the five joyful mysteries, which were circulated to the PPC and will lead this during advent. A date and time to be confirmed nearer the time.

The next meeting of the PPC will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 12th December 2018.

CW thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.