



Holy Cross Parish
Hucknall

HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
8th January 2020

ATTENDEES:

Fr. John Martin President
CW Chair
VF Secretary
BF
MU
KS
SC
MH
DB
JC - Guest
ZB - Guest

APOLOGIES:

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MINUTES

Opening prayer was followed by Chris welcoming the parish council and guest attendees and explained that as the Minutes had been circulated there would be no need to review them. The minutes were then approved as a true interpretation of the meeting held on 13th November 2019.

Matters arising from the Minutes

There was very good feedback following the Bazaar, Carol Concert and Christmas Services. The bazaar raised a total of £2157.44 and after expenses were deducted a profit of £1727.44. Thanks were expressed for the hard work of all concerned in the preparation of the church for Christmas. A Remembrance service for those who died during the past year was celebrated at Our Lady's, Bulwell and was attended by parishioners from Holy Cross, who said it was a beautiful service. Father John suggested we might do the same at Holy Cross as

part of our calendar of events in November 2020, but it was agreed that it would be best to leave it at Our Lady's for the time being. The laying of a wreath in front of the plaque at the start of our own Remembrance Sunday Service was mentioned as something we did well at Holy Cross.

No money was raised from the Carol Concert and it was suggested that we either have tickets next time or have a collection at the back of church as people leave.

Father expressed his disappointment at the poor attendance of children at the Christmas Eve service and it was suggested this could either be earlier next year or we could have an Advent Service specially for children.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Pastoral

Parish Officers: Sacristan duties notes prepared by Bill were circulated to the committee. Chris asked that we have just one Sacristan as there are often several people in the Sacristy. This was dismissed as impractical due to illness and holiday cover being required. It was requested that those on Sacristan duties arrive at least half an hour before Mass. Zena offered to undertake Sacristan duties on Sundays as many of the current Sacristans take Holy Communion out.

Father has asked for cards to be printed with a list of ministries and for these to be circulated during his homily one Sunday to ensure we have a census of parishioners and be able to utilise the skill mix when recruiting parish officers. A date for this will be confirmed soon.

Prayer Group: Chris asked people who had attended the Bible study group to attend prayers on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in church. He will monitor attendance and change to daytime if it proves unsuccessful. This is open to all parishioners in this "Year of the Word".

Churches Together: We want Hucknall to be a town of sanctuary for people from other countries and asked what can we do as a parish to enable this? Various suggestions were made: - Fairtrade Parish, Candlelit Vigil, Concert. Of all the suggestions offered, the Concert received the most backing. CAFOD Walking for refugees has already been done and was published in the Hucknall Despatch. We need to show we are supporting these initiatives and make a declaration as a parish. Copies of the Charter should be distributed. Father suggested corners of the Sanctuary walls could be decorated with a symbol of the logo to invite people to speak the message. It was made clear that these symbols will not encroach on the Sanctuary itself.

A Marian theme was suggested that could take place in May. Chris or Father John will liaise with SR at the Baptist Church and speak to Martin about music.

Eucharistic Services: A meeting of Ministers to organise services was suggested. Chris has spoken to Dominic, but no feedback yet. Joe asked about

this and Father explained that he would ask the parish during Mass who would be likely to attend.

Liturgy during Lent: Father expressed concern as to how he can cover Hucknall and Bulwell during Holy week. He agreed he will say Mass on Ash Wednesday evening at 7pm.

The Easter Triduum:

Thursday 9th April to be confirmed

Friday 10th April to be confirmed

Saturday 11th April Vigil at Our Lady's, Bulwell

Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday 9 am at Holy Cross, Hucknall

Lenten Cards An A5 leaflet with services will be produced by the third week in Lent.

Station of the Cross: Father asked for 6 volunteers to lead through "eyes of youth, "eyes of bereavement" eyes of an African person and eyes of an Indian person. Krystyna has volunteered to lead following a CAFOD stations theme.

World Day of the Sick: This will take place on during the day 12 – 1230, time to be confirmed on 11th February. The anointing of the sick will take place and Eucharistic Ministers have been asked to inform those they take communion to and ask if anyone requires a lift. We will ask Roger if he is available to provide music and ask the school to attend and sing. Father will ask the Sisters to provide prayer bags.

Any Other Business

Car Park: Zena asked why we don't have a notice in the car park regarding Liability, indicating the Trustees are not liable for damage caused to cars or other property left in the car park. This will be rectified as soon as possible.

Cold Toilets & Sacristy: Heating has been installed in the new toilets, but they need to be switched on before Mass. Whoever arrives first to unlock the church should be asked to make sure this is included in their duties. The Sacristan closing up after Mass should switch them off.

There is insufficient heating in the sacristy. We will arrange for quotations to install heaters in both areas of the Sacristy.

Father John said a closing prayer, Chris thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.

The next Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 19th February 2020.