**St Joseph’s Pastoral Council Minutes - Final**

**26th Feb 2019**

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| **Date of meeting** | **23/2/17** | **31/10/17** | **09/01/18** | **26/04/18** | **21/06/18** | **06/09/18** | **04/12/18** | **26/02/19** |
| **Fr Jim Duggan** | **P** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Fr Stephen Baillie** |  | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Fr Jonathan Whitworth** |  | **P** | **P** | **A** | **A** | **A** | **A** | **P** |
| **Bridie LaCombre** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** |  | **P** | **P** |
| **Alison Macdonald** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Pat Hassett** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Angela Gow** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **A** |
| **Emma Merriman** | **A** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **A** |  | **P** |
| **Maureen Cumming** |  | **A** | **P** | **P** |  | **P** | **Resigned** |  |
| **Jonathon Cumming- circulation only** | **A** | **A** | **A** | **A** |  | **A** |  |  |
| **Dominic Cochran** | **A** | **P** | **A** | **A** | **P** |  | **A** | **A** |
| **John Sweeney** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** |
| **Frances Brown** | **P** | **A** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** |
| **Chris McErlane** |  |  |  |  |  | **A** |  |  |
| **Clare- Jane McErlane** |  |  |  |  |  | **A** |  |  |
| **Eleanor Maxwell** |  |  |  |  |  | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Peter McMillan** |  |  |  |  |  | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Leila Pereira** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | **Decade of the rosary and prayer for priests** |  |
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|  | **Attendance and apologies** | **Actions** |
|  | See front page. |  |
|  | **Minutes of the last meeting** | **Actions** |
|  | Proposed: Eleanor Maxwell  Seconded: Bridie LaCombre |  |
|  | **Matters arising** | **Actions** |
|  | **Welcome parish – Update to details of church and voluntary groups**  The update to church and voluntary group information is being taken forward by a PC sub-group. The information will initially be used to update the e-bulletin. It was agreed that thereafter, this should be part of a wider discussion about how parishioners access information about activities within the church i.e. through the bulletin or other published materials such as the Welcome Pack or Link magazine, or on-line through the website or Facebook page.  **Action: Sub-group to report back to PC after update is concluded.**  **Action: Provide updated information for e-bulletin** | **PMcM/**  **JS/**  **AMacd** |
|  | **Update on Diocesan synod and cluster meetings** | **Actions** |
|  | Information from the cluster meetings has been collated. No information has been made available yet on how this will inform the running or organisation of the Diocese. |  |
|  | **Adult faith formation/ parish retreat/ mission/ 50th Anniversary** | **Actions** |
|  | **Adult faith formation**  Frances updated on Bishop Robert Barron’s new programme on the Mass. This has still not been distributed within the UK market.  **Action: Frances to follow up with Fr Jim in St Charles’ who previously obtained Bishop Barron materials regarding obtaining the new resources on The Mass.**  **Lenten Mission 2020**  Peter reported back on a meeting with the Mill Hill Fathers on the possibility of a Parish Lenten Mission in 2020. This would be delivered over 3 or 4 evenings, avoiding Sunday. Angela would act as a point of contact. It was agreed this should go ahead.  **Action: Peter and Angela to take forward organisation and identify potential dates for the Mission during Lent 2020.**  **Celebration of St Joseph’s Parish 50th Anniversary**  The potential to organise a Redemptorist Mission in 2021 to celebrate the parish 50th anniversary was discussed and agreed. It was recognised this had a significant cost attached but that it was important to mark the Anniversary.  **Action: Pat to follow up with the Redemptorists regarding a Parish Mission in 2021.**  **Lent 2019**  Stations of the Cross have been observed during Lent in previous years and was well received. It was agreed to organise adoration followed by Stations of the Cross each Sunday of Lent after evening Mass  **Action: Frances will co-ordinate the Stations of the Cross during Lent and feedback arrangements to Fr Stephen.** | **FB**  **PMcM**  **AG**  **PH**  **FB** |
|  | **Recruitment to parish groups/ alternative to open day** | **Actions** |
|  | There was a discussion about the number and range of activities and charities that run within the parish. Some of these groups need to be promoted, other areas of church activity need to recruit new members to remain sustainable and to ensure no individual parishioner feels unsupported.  It was agreed to wait until the update to church and voluntary group information is completed and that as a short-term measure, brief summaries obtained from the group contacts could be slotted into the bulletin when there is space. |  |
|  | **Father Jonathon** | **Actions** |
|  | **Action: c/f Fr Jonathon’s departure** | **PH** |
| **9.** | **East Renfrewshire Good Causes** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Stephen reported he had been contacted by East Renfrewshire Good Causes (ERGC) about opportunities to provide specific support to local individuals in need. It was agreed it would be helpful to have a parish contact with whom the charity could liaise  **Action: Emma will act as a parish contact for ERGC and signpost appropriately to groups or individuals within the parish** | **EM** |
| **10.** | **SCIAF** | **Actions** |
|  | Peter updated the group on SCIAF activity in the Parish during Lent. SCIAF boxes will be distributed at the start of Lent, information will be provided for the Children’s Liturgy and there will be a presentation on SCIAF after Mass on the 4th Sunday of Lent. |  |
| **11.** | **Sunday social** | **Actions** |
|  | Eleanor updated on the Sunday ceilidhs, established as part of the Bethany group to provide social support on Sunday evenings, which were identified as being a particularly lonely time. These have now become regular Sunday Social events, taking place on the last Sunday of the month for 2 hours from 7-9pm. Baking is provided by the Bethany group. EM requested that PC members promote the group to extend its reach. |  |
| **12.** | **Lenten prayer groups/ Ignatian Spirituality** | **Actions** |
|  | Eleanor and Peter updated on the daily readings, prayers and reflections provided by [IgnatianSpirituality.com](https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/). during Lent. The on-line link has been circulated in the bulletin and parishioners can register to participate individually and/or as part of a weekly group.  Eleanor and Peter attended a facilitators’ briefing day in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow in preparation for providing weekly sessions for parishioners to come together to share their thoughts on the scripture readings and prayers. Meetings will take place on Tuesday at 7pm for an hour in St Joseph’s Hall, beginning on Tues 5th March. Parishioners from other parishes in the Deanery have been invited and the Ignatian Centre have provided books for participants.  Fr Stephen advised that Clarkston Churches Together are providing similar support and distributed the resources to PC members. |  |
| **13.** | **Eucharistic Ministers and other issues relating to Fr Jonathan's departure** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Stephen advised that Fr Jonathon’s departure will have implications for Eucharistic Ministry, including potentially the need for Eucharistic Services.  **Action: c/f Eucharistic Ministers to next meeting.** | **PH** |
| **14.** | **October designated special missionary month this year** | **Actions** |
|  | Pat advised that October has been designated by Pope Francis as an Extraordinary Mission Month in celebration of the centenary of Pope Benedict XV’s Apostolic Letter Maximun Illud. The theme will be ‘Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World’.  **Action: Fr Stephen will follow up with Bishop John about any Diocesan plans to mark the Mission month.** | **FrS** |
| **15.** | **Using the microphones effectively** | **Actions** |
|  | Pat reported on complaints received from a number of parishioners about difficulties with the sound system in the church. Fr Stephen has previously had the sound system checked  **Action: Pat will contact Heidi Fawcett to alert readers to the issues reported.**  **Action: Fr Stephen will ask for the microphone system to be checked again** | **PH**  **FrS** |
| **16.** | **Handrails for Sanctuary steps** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Stephen reported that concerns had been raised about the accessibility of the Sanctuary for some parishioners and that handrails would be installed at the steps. |  |
| **17.** | **AOCB** | **Actions** |
|  | **Building Maintenance**  Fr Stephen updated on the review of parish property undertaken as part of compliance with Health and Safety. A number of areas have been identified that require maintenance or action. This includes the side wall between church and lane that will need further assessment.  **Cry Chapel**  Parishioners have raised concerns about the temperature in the Cry Chapel, which is very cold.  **Action: Emma will raise the issue of the temperature within the Cry Chapel with David**  **The Pope DVD**  Eleanor updated that she has obtained a copy of The Pope DVD. There is the potential to show this in the Church Hall after Lent.  **Action: Eleanor will check if there are any copyright issues with showing The Pope DVD** |  |
| **18.** | **Date of next meeting** |  |
|  | 28th May 7.30 – apologies submitted by Eleanor |  |
| **19.** | **Closing prayer** |  |
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| **Action table** | | |
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