**St Joseph’s Pastoral Council Minutes**

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| **Date of meeting** | **6/11/12** | **21/05/13** | **01/10/13** | **13/05/14** | **16/09/14** |  |  |
| **Fr Jim Duggan** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Chris McLaughlin** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Veronica Dowling** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** |  |  |
| **David Melvin** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |  |
| **John Seenan** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Liz Grant** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **A** |  |  |  |
| **Bridie LaCombre** |  | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** |  |  |
| **Alison Macdonald** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Paul Graham** | **P** | **A** | **P** |  | **P** |  |  |
| **Pat Hassett** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Susie Cullen** | **P** | **A** | **A** |  |  |  |  |
| **Aisling Connelly** |  |  | **P** |  |  |  |  |
| **Angela Gow** |  |  | **A** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Emma Merriman** |  |  | **A** | **P** | **A** |  |  |
| **Jen Leahy** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Gregor Hillhouse** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amy Hughes** |  |  |  | **P** | **A** |  |  |
| **Matthew Jennings** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Nicio Ginestri** |  |  |  | **A** | **A** |  |  |
| **Colm Merrick** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Maureen Cumming** |  |  |  | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Jonathon Cumming** |  |  |  | **A** | **A** |  |  |
| **Miriam Harding** |  |  |  | **P** |  |  |  |

**16th Sept 2014**

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|  | **Decade of the rosary and prayer for priests** | **Actions** |
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|  | **Attendance and apologies/resignations** | **Actions** |
|  | Resignations:  David Melvin – Fr Jim advised that David will continue to be available at the times of pastoral council meetings  Gregor Hillhouse  Miriam Harding  Liz Grant - Pat expressed particular thanks to Liz Grant for her input over several years, where she has been an invaluable resource, in particular her work on the Link magazine, and advised that Liz is happy to continue to contribute to the community sub-group |  |
|  | **Minutes of the last meeting** | **Actions** |
|  | Proposed: John Seenan  Seconded: Chris McLaughlin |  |
|  | **Matters arising** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Jim advised that Emma and Miriam have developed a story board for young children that incorporates aspects of the Mass, which could be made available for parent in Church with small children. Fr J will follow up with the graphic designer who produces the Link magazine to ensure any materials are produced in a robust format.  **Action: Fr Jim to contact the graphic designer regarding production of materials for young children**  Fr Jim advised the website calendar is on hold following the restructuring of the website.  Provision for pre-school children –to be carried forward as both Emma and Bride have submitted apologies  **Action: c/f provision for pre-school children to next meeting**  AMacd updated on communication with the Diocesan Chancellor regarding the C&YP Act Scotland, Getting It Right for Every Child and its implications for the Church. The Parliamentary Office, who had been included in the discussion, advised that they were waiting for the Judicial Review and formal consultation on the guidance to take place before responding. He also advised that The Act and its implications are not within the remit of the McLellan commission. Fr Jim advised that if she remained concerned, this could be raised again with the Parliamentary Office.  e-bulletin – Chris advised that the availability of the e-bulletin will be publicised in the bulletin on Sunday. The e-bulletin includes contact information for parish groups and a link to electronic version of Link magazine. 200 club members have been contacted about being added to the distribution list. | **Fr J**  **PH** |
|  | **Plan for coming year incorporating annual events** | **Actions** |
|  | Pat proposed that the sub-groups should review and agree which events identified within the calendar to take forward.  **Action: sub-groups to meet to agree how to take forward calendar events**  Open day: Planned for Sat 1st/Sun 2nd November after the Vigil mass and after 10.00 and 12.00 and 6.00 Masses. The community sub-group will organise this event.  **Action: Community sub-group to organise Open Day**  Parents in prayer group – continuing to meet every Thursday am, with monthly evening event planned. Monthly Sunday morning coffee mornings have started on 1st Sunday of every month after 10 am Mass. | **All**  **Community sub-group members** |
|  | **Reflection on vision from Diocese and impact on role of pastoral council** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Jim provided an overview of Bishop John’s vision for the Diocese “Toward a Renewed Vision for the Diocese” based on the Joy of the Gospel. Fr Jim reminded the PC that new evangelisation stemmed from Pope John Paul in 1983.  Bishop John had highlighted that every activity within the church should be “mission compliant”. The Diocesan focus is not about managing decline, as over the medium term the future of the Diocese is reasonably secure, but a call to mission, a refresh of pastoral workers with greater involvement of lay co-workers and a proposal for a Diocesan Synod to consult and make recommendations on which local policy document will be developed.  Fr Jim advised that the Pastoral council has a role in supporting this work and that communication about Toward a Renewed Vision for the Diocese  should take place through multiple channels to ensure all parishioners are aware of its content.  A discussion followed during which a number of points were highlighted:   * There is a need for ongoing formation * The needs of young parents need to be heard * The PC were uncertain what “mission compliant” meant * The PC required a better understanding of what parishioners need from the church. Currently there is a lack of information on which to base decisions about where to focus our efforts.   It was felt that the forthcoming open day presents some opportunities for further discussion however this reaches only those who attend.  It was agreed a wider consultation is required, reaching all those involved in the life of the church. This needs to take place within the context of Towards a Renewed Vision for the Diocese of Paisley and have a clear sense of purpose.  The visit by Bishop John to the parish next week is an opportunity to discuss how he would frame questions. Paul agreed to contact him in advance to give him time to think about this. After this, a small group would meet to develop some draft questions for the PC to consider.  **Action: Paul and Pat will meet with Bishop during his visit to the parish to discuss a consultation.**  **Action: Paul, Pat, Ali and Chris will develop consultation questions for discussion by the PC.** | **PG/PH**  **PG/PH/CMcL/**  **AMacd** |
|  | **AoB** |  |
|  | Prayers of intercession: The PC agreed that those who are housebound could be asked by Eucharistic Ministers to help with prayers of intercession. The box for these remains at the back of the Church.  **Action: Pat and Angela will follow up with Kathleen Brown regarding organising a system for Prayers of Intercession**  A number of senior parishioners have suggested an evening social gathering in the Church. They are happy to organise a one-off event themselves. Fr Jim reminded the PC that all parishioners are welcome to develop this type of initiative without the need for approval from the PC.  **Action: Angela will advise the Parishioners that the PC thought this was an excellent idea, to organise a date through DM and to add information about it to the Bulletin.**  Angela proposed a weekend day Parish retreat. The afternoon of Sat 29th Nov was agreed in preparation for Advent. Angela will follow up with David for hall availability. If successful, there is the option for a similar event prior to Lent.  **Action: Angela to confirm hall availability**  The PC agreed to provide tea/ coffee and baking for the Bishop’s visit to the parish on new evangelisation on Thur 25th September. Maureen agreed to publicise this through the schools to make sure parents who do not attend St Joseph’s have the opportunity to attend.  **Action: Angela, Pat, and Maureen will support this**  **Action: Maureen will advertise in the schools**  John advised that he will act as administrator in the Diocese as part of a pilot to roll out an initiative called Just Faith to explore the ability to dovetail the Justice & Peace, SCIAF and Mission Matters Scotland (mission Scotland) agencies where agendas overlap. This has resulted from research conducted in 2013 where common factors were identified. The pilot will take place in Argyll and the Isles, Paisley and Dunkeld. The initiative was launched earlier this month at which the risk of other agencies feeling excluded was acknowledged.  Open day – Chris advised he will be unable to attend the Open Day and requested that if he prepare materials for stand on the 200 club and e-bulletin, that the pastoral council man stand on the day. | **AG/PH**  **AG**  **AG**  **AG/PH/MC**  **MC** |
|  | **DoNM** | **Actions** |
|  | Tues 18th Nov 2014 @ 7.30  Tues 3rd Feb 2015 @ 7.30 |  |
|  | **Closing prayer** | **Actions** |
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| **Action table** | | |
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