**St Joseph’s Pastoral Council Minutes**

**18th November 2014**

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| **Date of meeting** | **6/11/12** | **21/05/13** | **01/10/13** | **13/05/14** | **16/09/14** | **18/11/14** |  |  |
| **Fr Jim Duggan** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Chris McLaughlin** | **P** | **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** | **P** |  |  |
| **Liz Grant** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **A** |  |  |  |  |
| **Bridie LaCombre** |  | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** |  |  |
| **Alison Macdonald** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Paul Graham** | **P** | **A** | **P** |  | **P** |  |  |  |
| **Pat Hassett** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Susie Cullen** | **P** | **A** | **A** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Aisling Connelly** |  |  | **P** |  |  | **P** |  |  |
| **Angela Gow** |  |  | **A** | **P** | **P** | **A** |  |  |
| **Emma Merriman** |  |  | **A** | **P** | **A** | **P** |  |  |
| **Gregor Hillhouse** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Amy Hughes** |  |  |  | **P** | **A** |  |  |  |
| **Matthew Jennings** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Nicio Ginestri** |  |  |  | **A** | **A** |  |  |  |
| **Colm Merrick** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Maureen Cumming** |  |  |  | **P** | **P** | **P** |  |  |
| **Jonathon Cumming** |  |  |  | **A** | **A** | **A** |  |  |
| **Miriam Harding** |  |  |  | **P** |  |  |  |  |

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|  | **Decade of the rosary and prayer for priests** | **Actions** |
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|  | **Attendance and apologies/resignations** | **Actions** |
|  | See table on page 1 |  |
|  | **Minutes of the last meeting** | **Actions** |
|  | Proposed: Chris McLaughlin  Seconded: Pat Hasset |  |
|  | **Matters arising** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Jim advised that Paul had not managed to speak to the Bishop regarding a parish consultation.  Fr Jim has followed up regarding production of the storyboards for pre-school children and is awaiting feedback from the graphic designer.  **Action: carry forward storyboard production to next meeting**  Emma updated on the potential for flashcards for to be produced for younger children. There is some uncertainly about how useful these would be for children under 2 years. It was therefore agreed to put this on hold until the story-boards for pre-school children are produced and their suitability assessed.  The annual Mass in celebration of marriage and family life: This was organised by Pat and took place on Friday 14th Nov. This was well-attended, including one couple married this year and several couples who were celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Most of those attending went back to the hall afterwards for refreshments.  The Parish Bereavement Mass will take place on Thursday 20th Nov.  Pat advised she has spoken to Kathleen Brown regarding establishing a system for prayers of intercession however this has still to be implemented.  **Action: carry forward prayers of intercession to next meeting**  Parish advent retreat: see AoB | **PH**  **PH** |
|  | **Update from groups** | **Actions** |
|  | Pat updated on the community sub-group meeting to plan the open day, which was subsequently supported by the whole PC. Pat thanked all those who had helped on the day with organisation and providing teas and coffees. Pat advised the open day had been a success. Emma reported an increase in Parent in Prayer attendance since the Open Day and Pat advised that St Vincent de Paul had indicated they would like to support visiting those who are sick or housebound but are awaiting further members having disclosure checks completed. Feedback suggested that having the open evening, organised by Paul, after the Saturday Vigil mass was a worthwhile addition.  No further group updates were available. |  |
|  | **Continued reflection on vision from Diocese and impact on role of pastoral council** | **Actions** |
|  | Fr Jim advised that the proposed Diocesan Synod will take place on Easter 2015. It was agreed that any parish consultation should wait until the route for engagement for the Synod is established. A Diocesan clergy meeting is planned in Dec after which further information should be available for the PC meeting in February.  **Action: Fr Jim will update the PC on the Diocesan Synod following the clergy meeting.**  Fr Jim outlined potential material to support the parish in the implementation of Evangelii Gaudium. Although not all materials have been developed specifically for this, their content is consistent with its ethos.   * Priest, Prophet and King – a 6 session course developed by Fr Robert Barrow, inspired by Evangelii Gaudium * Catholicism – new evangelisation - a 6 session course of learning, reflection, and follow-up small – group discussion that would require facilitation. Each session is independent.   Fr Jim advised he plans to establish a steering group to explore the materials and implementation process. He requested that the parish council be represented on this group.  **Action: members of the PC to contact Fr Jim to express interest in supporting Parish activity in implementation of Evangelii Gaudium.**   * Forming Intentional Disciples – the path to knowing and following Jesus. This is a book by Sherry Weddell giving an overview of a five step pathway to promote discipleship in the Catholic Church in ways that are practical and meaningful. St Ninian’s High School have had a guest speaker on the key ideas within the book. Depending on feedback Fr Jim advised he was considering inviting the speaker to talk to the PC and explore how this programme could support the parish.   **Action: Fr Jim to update the PC following feedback from St Ninian’s on the speaker** | **Fr J**  **ALL**  **Fr J** |
|  | **AoB** |  |
|  | LITE (Life in the Eucharist) – Fr Jim, Pat and Angela met the Life in the Eucharist group, based St Anthony’s in Govan. Pat advised that the group will support a parish experience as part of adult formation over 5 sessions that can be delivered flexibly. Timescales mean it is not possible for this to take place during Advent so this will be planned for during Lent, potentially with 3 sessions taking place on a Saturday and the other 2 sessions Thursday evenings, with the final session planned for the week before Holy Week. Potential dates are being explored. Sessions are stand-alone so parishioners do not need to attend all 5 sessions. Representatives from LITE will attend Sunday Mass to raise awareness.  Advent reflections: John proposed an advent event of 9 lessons and carols. Emma advised that parents in prayer would be happy to support this. It was agreed that St Joseph’s and OLM choirs would be invited along with the Parish Youth Music Group.  As Carol services are planned for the primary and secondary schools during the weeks before Christmas, it was agreed to hold the event on Sun 14th Dec at 3.00 pm with mince pies in the hall afterwards.  **Action:**   * **Ali will ask Fraser to contact John regarding Youth Group input** * **Maureen will invite St Joseph’s and OLM P6 and 7 choirs to sing and to suggest 2 advent carols** * **John will organise a pre-meeting to organise the event involving Emma, Maureen, Fraser and Joe - Wed 26th Nov** * **John will contact Joe Byrne regarding music co-ordination.** * **Emma will design visuals for the overhead and add hymns to the PowerPoint.**   Fr Jim advised that a penitential service was being explored but this may be limited by availability of priests.  Pope Francis award – Maureen raised the question about whether parish co-ordinator for the Pope Francis award is required. It was agreed that this is not required when there is a parish priest in the parish.  St Joseph’s primary school have asked for a parish representative to take a place on the Parent Council. Pat previously fulfilled this role. Pat will explore this with Fr Jim and respond to St Joseph’s.  **Action: Pat to advise St Joseph’s on a parish representative**  Fr Jim has been approached by a parishioner to establish a Divine Mercy Group. Details will be added to the website and newsletter asking for support for parishioners. Pat will make contact with the parishioner.  **Action: Pat will contact the parishioner and advise of the PC discussion** | **AMacd**  **MC**  **JS**  **JS**  **EM**  **PH**  **PH** |
|  | **DoNM** | **Actions** |
|  | Tues 3rd Feb 2015 @ 7.30 |  |
|  | **Closing prayer** | **Actions** |
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| **Action table** | | |
| **Action: carry forward storyboard production to next meeting**  **Action: carry forward prayers of intercession to next meeting**  **Action: Fr Jim will update the PC on the Diocesan Synod following the clergy meeting.**  **Action: members of the PC to contact Fr Jim to express interest in supporting Parish activity in implementation of Evangelii Gaudium.**  **Action: Fr Jim to update the PC following feedback from St Ninian’s on the speaker**  **Action: organisation of Carol service**   * **Ali will ask Fraser to contact John regarding Youth Group input** * **Maureen will invite St Joseph’s and OLM P6 and 7 choirs to sing and to suggest 2 advent carols** * **John will organise a pre-meeting to organise the event involving Emma, Maureen, Fraser and Joe - Wed 26th Nov** * **John will contact Joe Byrne regarding music co-ordination.** * **Emma will design visuals for the overhead and add hymns to the PowerPoint.**   **Action: Pat to advise St Joseph’s on a parish representative**  **Action: Pat will contact the parishioner and advise of the PC discussion** | | **PH**  **PH**  **Fr J**  **All**  **Fr J**  **AMacd**  **MC**  **JS**  **EM**  **PH**  **PH** |
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