

St John the Baptist and St Kentigern Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th February, 2022

Present: Fr Jeremy, Karen Birnie, Janice Gomez, Brian Murray, Rita Phillips, Peter Robertson, Anne Simpson, Martin Spears.

Apologies: Marlene McCallum.

1. Opening Prayer: Fr Jeremy opened the meeting with a prayer asking that the Holy Spirit inspire the members of the PPC in their work for all in the Parish.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from Meeting 27th November, 2021

a) Health and Safety Measures: Peter will follow this up with advice from a contact

Action: Peter

b) Advent activities Action: Both churches felt that the Prayer Chains had been successful and should be repeated next year and thanked Karen and Martin for all their work in preparation. It was noted that more people attended at St Kentigern's perhaps due to the timing of the Mass at St John's.

c) TOR Christian Foundation: Discussion of this item was deferred to Item 7 on the agenda

4. Lent/Easter:

a) SCIAF.

1. Karen reported that the SCIAF message for this year was "Act in Hope" with a particular emphasis on Climate change and on Malawi. It was agreed that Karen would give a brief talk on this topic at all Masses on the 26/27 February.

Action: Karen

2. It was also agreed that a Parish activity similar to the Paper Chains would take place on the First Sunday in Lent to stimulate interest and involvement and after some discussion it was agreed that people would be invited to write their promise to do something for climate change on pre-printed leaves which would then be attached to paper trees and displayed in each church. Tea and coffee would be provided after Mass

Action: Janis, Rita and Anne .

b) 40 Hours Devotion on 20th March.

Fr Jeremy explained the Archbishop's involvement of all Parishes in this initiative and suggested that both Parishes be open for prayer after 9.30am Mass until 8pm, perhaps with a Holy Hour from 7-8pm. This would be on Sunday 20th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. He also pointed out the need for two guardians to be present during the time of Exposition. After discussion it was agreed that St Kentigern's would be open from 7am. It was also noted that the children from St Andrew's Fox Covert would come down at times arranged by the school and that there might be music at some times during the day. Information would be put on the Parish Facebook page to encourage booking of slots.

Action: Fr. Jeremy, Rita, Brian and Janis.

c) Easter Fayre at St Kentigern's 27th March.

Preparations were in hand. It was noted that this year it coincided with Mother's Day and it was agreed that St John's practice of giving out daffodils would also be done in St Kentigern's. As Margot has traditionally arranged this at St John's Anne volunteered to ask her to arrange it for St. John's.

Action: Rita and Anne.

d) Real Easter Eggs.

It was agreed that the Parish would support this as usual. Information would be put in the Parish Newsletter and an email order form set up.

Action: Fr. Jeremy, Brian and Janis.

5. Parish Registration Form – review.

After discussion, it was agreed to add a Welcome and Parish logo and that there should be a "rider saying 'Please fill in as much as you feel comfortable giving'. Fr Jeremy would follow up receipt of the form with a welcoming letter.

Action: Fr. Jeremy

6. Parish Synod Meetings.

Since this topic had been outlined in detail at the last meeting it was simply noted Fr Jeremy would collate the Parish comments from the two meetings and that Anne and other members of St John's Parish would offer teas and coffees.

Action: Fr. Jeremy and Anne.

7. St John's Hall update

It was noted with gratitude that a grant of £75,000 had been offered by the Tor Christian Foundation. The total cost is far in excess of this, but this would facilitate the disabled access and associated alterations to be made. The plans have been submitted to the appropriate Diocesan Committee.

8. Parishioners' Suggestions

None had been received since the previous meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Martin raised the question of running a mother and toddler group was raised as there is a dearth of such amenities locally. However it was decided to defer this until the Hall alterations were completed.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th April at St Kentigern's at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 9.20pm.