

St John the Baptist and St Kentigern Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2023

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

Apologies: Marlene McCallum

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr Jeremy opened the meeting with a prayer for wisdom and good judgment in making decisions.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed – Martin; Seconded - Fr Jeremy
3. **Matters Arising from Meeting 17 November 2022**
 - a) **Warm Spaces:** Father informed the meeting that he was changing the day from a Wednesday afternoon to a Thursday morning after Mass at St. Kents. The reason being that take up had been minimum on a Wednesday. It was thought that moving to a different day and time, and also after a morning Mass when people are around anyway seemed, more logical. We will try this new slot and see if take up improves. **Action: Father to report back at next meeting on whether the new slot is working.**
 - b) **St John's Hall Improvements:** Father gave an update on the work at St. Johns and reported that this initial phase is almost complete. The windows at St. Kents is expected to be the next project
4. **Parish Synod and Assembly Implementation**
Due to lack of progress, an update was postponed until the next meeting. **Action: Brian to review the list of activities and give an update at the next meeting**
5. **St. Kents feast day breakfast**
 - This was discussed and it was agreed that work for this in in hand. **Action: Karen/Rita**
6. **Parish Socials**
 - **St Johns 60th:** As St Johns will be celebrating 60 years since the cornerstone was layed. I was agreed that we will have a social evening in the hall on Sat 25th March, as well as teas/coffees after mass on Sun 26th **Action: Father J to book the hall, Brian to arrange a band if possible.**
 - **St Kents Social night:** It was suggested that a Family Ceilidh would be a good idea and the provisional date of 6th October suggested. **Action: Father J to book the hall and Rita to arrange a band if possible.**
7. **Parishioners' Suggestions**

St Kents Side Chapel: Discussions around whether this could be used as a space for families during Mass as it was used for previously before Covid restrictions. **Action: Father J to speak to Helen Robinson and also remind parishioners to feel free to use it if they feel the need.**

St Johns Confessional: This is also used by parents and small children during Mass, however often the door has to remain ajar so people can hear the service. It was suggested that the Church sound system be extended into this space. **Action: Father J to look into the feasibility.**
8. **Any Other Business**
 - Remembering Service at St Johns, meeting in diary to arrange this. **Action: Ann to attend the meeting**

- New PPC Members. The current PPC members have been in place for a number of years, and also getting fewer in numbers, is it now time for a change to the membership? It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. **Action: Father J to think about how best to do this**

9. Date of Next Meeting: 28th Feb at 7:30pm in St Kents

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer.