

St John the Baptist and St Kentigern Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 30 May 2023

Present: Fr Jeremy, Anne Simpson, Rita Phillips, Karen Birnie, Marlene McCallum

Apologies: Brian Murray

1. Opening Prayer: Fr Jeremy opened the meeting with a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in planning for the parish.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed – Rita; Seconded - Karen

3. Matters Arising from Meeting 28 February 2023

a) Bunting prayers event: It was decided that this would now take place to coincide with the first Sunday brunch at St John's after the holiday period, probably on 27 August. Details to be finalised at the next meeting. **Action: Karen**

b) St Kentigern's Social Evening: Rita had contacted the Flaming Heather ceilidh band who would play in St Kentigern's Hall on Friday 6 October for a fee of £480. Rita to confirm the booking. Numbers would be limited to 100. Booking by Eventbrite would be the most convenient method, with those unable to access it phoning Marlene. Brian to be asked if he could set up Eventbrite for the bookings. Soft drinks and nibbles would be provided and people could bring their own alcoholic drinks. Marlene to book the hall.

Action: Rita/Marlene

4. St John the Baptist Feast Day Celebrations

Marlene to ask Martin if he would be able to help with the barbecue and, also, if he could source food from his contacts again. Father Jeremy to speak to other potential helpers. A notice would go in the newsletter asking those prepared to help with the celebrations to attend a meeting after Mass on Sunday 11 June. It was not known if the film about St John's would be ready for the Feast Day, but it was suggested that it could perhaps be shown on the evening of Saturday 24th.

Action: Fr Jeremy/Marlene

5. Season of Creation

It was proposed that the film 'The Letter' referring to Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' should be shown in the parish during the Season of Creation which will run from 1 September to 4 October. Other suggestions to make the parish more ecologically sustainable would be welcomed and highlighted at this time. Suggestions at present included a digital-only newsletter, using the heating less in the churches and banning single use plastics. Children would be encouraged to list ideas. Planning for this to be ongoing.

6. Parishioners' Suggestions

- Concern had again been expressed about Sunday parking at St Kentigern's, with some cars causing problems because they were parked on the pavements and grass. Parishioners with mobility problems were particularly inconvenienced. It was suggested that more of the hall car park should be reserved for the less mobile, with a ramp being built from the car park to the hall entrance door. It was agreed that a ramp might be considered some time in the future. Ways of increasing car parking spaces were currently being explored.
- It had been suggested that the Angelus could be said a few minutes before Sunday Masses. It was agreed that this should be trialled at St John's on Sunday 18 June, the day after the

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with copies of the Angelus available. The parishioner whose suggestion it was had volunteered to lead the prayer. It would be publicised in the newsletter of 11 June. Further dates to be decided.

- In response to the Archbishop's Youth Initiative a parishioner had suggested the possibility of 'Wednesday Word' sessions, followed by games and activities; setting up contacts with a Catholic student union; a drama group; asking young people's views on what would interest them. Fr Jeremy mentioned the inclusion of the Faith Awards in a parish initiative. He would ask the parishioner if she would sign up for the webinar on the initiative on 6 June.

Action: Fr Jeremy

7. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17 August at 7.30pm in St Kentigern's Parish Room

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 9pm.