

## St John the Baptist and St Kentigern Parish Pastoral Council

### Minutes of Meeting held on 14 May 2024

**Present:** Fr Jeremy, Karen Birnie, Rita Phillips, Martin Spears, Marlene McCallum

**Apologies:** Anne Simpson, Brian Murray

1. **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer for a blessing on the Council's endeavours.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**  
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed – Fr Jeremy; Seconded - Karen
3. **Matters Arising from Meeting on 16 April 2024**
  - a) **Sycamore programme:** It had been decided at a meeting of Sycamore volunteers that the Autumn Enquirers' course would run for seven Tuesdays from 3 September. A further planning meeting would take place on 25 June.
  - b) **Sign Up Sunday:** Information about volunteer roles would be distributed during Parish Mission Week. **Action: Fr Jeremy**
  - c) **St Kentigern's Parking:** 'Do Not Park' signs were now preventing car parking on the grass near the car park.
4. **Parish Mission**  
The following details were discussed:
  - a) Fr Jeremy had arranged musicians for some of the services.
  - b) Anne had arranged passkeepers for St John's. Fr Jeremy to speak to Bert about passkeepers for St Kentigern's. **Action: Fr Jeremy**
  - c) The Redemptorists would be visiting the schools.
  - d) Martin offered to organise teas and coffees after Sunday morning Mass at St John's on the 19<sup>th</sup>. **Action: Martin**
  - e) Wine and beer would be offered at the End of Mission Party: Fr Jeremy to check the supplies at St John's. Martin volunteered to act as barman. **Action: Fr Jeremy/Martin**
  - f) Rita to organise the hire of wine and beer glasses. **Action: Rita**
  - g) Marlene to ask more parishioners to help with baking for the party. **Action: Marlene**
  - h) Marlene to ask David Gillon if he would play music at the party. **Action: Marlene**
  - i) Karen to liaise with Lindsay Wilson, who had agreed to act as party MC, about music, games and other activities. **Action: Karen**
5. **Parishioners Suggestions**  
A parishioner had communicated concern over the fundraising for window replacement at St Kentigern's and expressed the view that parishioners should not have been asked to contribute during a cost of living crisis. The parishioner's opinion was that parish reserves should have been used. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Finance Committee and Fr Jeremy said he would pass on the concerns to the Committee. **Action: Fr Jeremy**

**6. Any Other Business**

- **St John the Baptist Feast Day:** Martin volunteered to organise the barbecue for the parish celebration after Sunday Mass at St John's on 23 June. A notice to go to the newsletter of 2 June asking for parishioners willing to help with the catering to attend a meeting after 11.30 Mass on Sunday 16 June. **Action: Martin/Marlene**
- **Agenda Items for next meeting:** A calendar of events for the year and the parish's eco-friendly policy were agreed as agenda items for the next meeting.

**7. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 July at 7.30pm at St John's.**

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 9.25pm.