



# ST PATRICK'S, WELLINGTON

*A Parish in the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury – a Registered Charity.*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### Present:

Fr Alban (Fr A), Gay Kendrick (GK), AJ Kuttige (AJ), Geraldine Moruzzi (GM), Sheila Torabi (ST), Ros Hargrave (RH), Martin Doran (MDO), Lottie Jiekel (LJ), AJ Kuttige (AJ) and Ann Neilson (Minutes)

### Minutes of Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was opened with a prayer by AJ
2. **Apologies** - Maureen Saunders and Mary Davies
3. **Notification of Any Other Urgent Business** – AGM and PPC Elections
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – It was agreed that these were a true reflection of the previous meeting, proposed by GK and seconded by RH
5. **Matters Arising** – It was good to see several St Patricks parishioners at OLOR parish lunch and three St Patrick's parishioners attended the last Friends Together meeting at OLOR

Wet signage for use in church is to be ordered.

**AN to Action**

A relative of one of our parishioners is a horticulturist and it was suggested that we speak to him to seek advice on the best way to proceed with purchasing and planting a new Centenary Tree.

**GK to Action**

### 6. **Advent and Christmas Season Review** –

Children's Liturgy with the banners was successful. The Christingle and Party at All Saints Hall was enjoyed by all. Next year the service and party will be held at OLOR.

Thank you to Fr Joe for helping with the celebration of Masses over the Christmas Season. Also thanks to Owen and others for their work in preparing the church. At one Mass we were a Eucharistic Minister short but fortunately a visiting Eucharistic Minister helped. Thanks also to the maintenance team who with the assistance of scaffolding cleaned the rafters etc of dust and cobwebs so that our church would be ready for Christmas.

The Epiphany in future will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> but will be celebrated on a Sunday if the 6<sup>th</sup> is on a Monday or Saturday.

### 7. **Lent & Easter Planning**

After some discussion it was decided that there would be four Masses on Ash Wednesday– 9:15 at St Patricks School, 12:15 at St Patricks Church, 14:00 St Luke's School at OLOR and 19:00 OLOR.

Holy Trinity has not been considered as yet.

Fr A asked about a possible theme for Lent, possible talks on forgiveness, the Eucharist. Meetings will probably be on a weekday in a café style. Fr A will consider and come forward with proposals.

**Fr A to Action**

This year Stations will be held as normal on a Sunday at 3pm, alternating venues between St Patricks and OLOR.

A penitential service will be held, both at St Patricks and OLOR, the date to be decided after the Deanery meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The Chrism Mass will be held at Shrewsbury Cathedral this year and parishioners will be encouraged to attend.

Last year the Triduum was held at both churches thanks to the support of Fr Joe. However the attendances at OLOR were low.

This year the Mass of the Lords Supper will be held at OLOR at 19:30.

The Passion on Good Friday will be at St Patricks, OLOR usually take part in an Ecumenical Service.

The Easter Vigil must be held after sunset which is at 19:42 this year and therefore the Vigil will begin at 20:00 at St Patricks. AN suggested that the two choirs may wish to get together.

The Ascension this year is on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. St Patricks School will not be having a Mass that day because of Stats. Masses will be 12:00 St Patricks, 2pm St Luke's at OLOR and 19:00 at OLOR

### **8. Sacramental Preparation Programmes**

A number of young people have put their names forward for Confirmation. Confirmation this year for churches in Telford is unlikely to be held at the Cathedral.

First Forgiveness preparation has begun. An enrolment Mass will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. Currently there are about twenty children participating. This number includes children who attend Mass at OLOR but are not pupils at St Luke's.

### **9. Nominations for Membership of L.M.A.**

Bishop Mark has asked us to launch a new Local Missionary Area Group from Advent onwards. Along with some other Local Missionary Areas we opted to start in Lent. The LMA covers the East Shropshire Deanery (Albrighton, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Newport, Shifnal, South Telford, Trench and Wellington)

Fr Michael, the Dean proposes that the first meeting of the new group will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 7:30.

A lay representative needs to be appointed from each Parish or Church.

Various Ministry Representatives are also needed – Deacon rep, Teacher rep, Youth rep, Parish Catechist rep and a Marriage and Family Life rep.

PPC members were asked to nominate anyone they thought fitted the criteria, remembering a nomination cannot be made without the agreement of the person concerned. Nominations are needed by the middle of February.

The plan is to confirm the representatives a week before the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

The purpose of the LMA is to become a co-ordinating group between the different parishes.

The term of office is likely to be three years

Information will be put in the newsletter.

**Fr A to Action**

### **10. Schools and Schooling –**

St Patricks School Nativity was a success. The Nativity play was written by Sarah Coggins and was based on a book called The Gift.

Seven new children started at St Patricks in January and the school expects to be oversubscribed again this year.

Fr A is not on the Governing Body at St Luke's but they appear to be doing well.

Holy Trinity had 1500 prospective pupils at their Open evening. For an admission of 150 they have received 460 applications.

**11. Parishioner contributions - None**

**12. Any Other Notified business**

AGM and PPC Elections – after discussion it was decided that these will be postponed till later in the year. Fr A thanked all PPC members for their support in particular those PPC members whose term of office should have ended in 2017.

It was suggested that we should have a joint PPC but Fr Alban believed it was a bit too soon to have only one PPC. However it is planned that there will soon be a liaison group formed from members of each PPC.

**Fr A to Action**

**13. Date of next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 19:00**

**9. Prayer Leaders - MD & GK volunteered to be prayer leaders at the next meeting.**

**10. Closing Prayers – The meeting was closed with a prayer**

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