



ST PATRICK'S, WELLINGTON

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Present:

Maureen Saunders (MS), Frank Maltby (FM), Lottie Jekiel (LJ), Gay Kendrick (GK), AJ Kuttige (AJ), Mary Davis (MD), Sheila Torabi (ST) and Fr Lucas

Minutes of Meeting 8th June 2017

1. **Opening Prayers**- GK
2. **Apologies** - Fr Alban, Lottie Jekiel
3. **Agenda** – No agenda had been prepared for the meeting and therefore it was agreed that the previous minutes and any other business would dictate the agenda.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – It was agreed that these were a true reflection of the previous meeting.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - a. The Confirmation programme has been successfully completed. Ten young people from St Patricks have been confirmed this year. Many thanks to GK and Deacon David for ensuring that the young people were prepared for their confirmation, both for St Patricks and Our Lady of the Rosary & St Luke's (OLOR). We should encourage our newly confirmed young people to become readers at Sunday Masses - *newsletter item*.
 - b. The Communion programme has been successfully completed; many thanks to the work of Moira Shrimpton in preparing the children and ensuring that each Mass, where young people received their First Communion, ran smoothly.
 - c. Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion is now happening at OLOR. However it must be remembered that the Mass is the heart of the churches life and to go the nearest Mass if possible should be our priority.
 - d. There was some discussion about concerns that some PPC members had concerning the Our Mission Together Initiative. The meeting was informed that a part time Welfare Officer has been appointed to the diocese and that this post had been created thanks to the 'Our Mission Together' Initiative - *newsletter item*.
 - e. The Easter Tridum Services went well thanks to the support of Fr Joe. Attendance at OLOR was a little disappointing.
 - f. There is still some settling in of numbers happening with the changes in Mass times at both parishes. The character of some of the Masses has changed, for example the music group which used to play at the 8:45 Mass now plays at the 6:15 Mass.
 - g. Missionary Parishes – this item will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

6. Any Other Business –

- a. Churches Together (CT) Quiz night July 5th
- b. The Alpha Course is progressing well at Meeting Point House
- c. The meditation group for younger people has started at All Saints Church
- d. The Frugal Lunch that the CT team organised was not so well supported this year
- e. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was well supported
- f. The CT Ecumenical Service for Pentecost went well
- g. There will be a Harvest Festival Service at the Wellington Methodist Church on the 29th September
- h. A CT service focusing on light will be held on the weekend before Halloween

7. Schools Update –

Both St Patricks and Holy Trinity have been oversubscribed, appeal hearings are being held at both schools.

- 8. The PPC wish to record their thanks to all who have supported St Patricks with a special mention for Fr Joe, Fr Terry, Deacon David Hill, Fr Lucas, Owen Duffy, Joan Jones, Moira Shrimpton, Lewis Neilson, Ro Eaton and Ann Neilson.
- 9. PPC AGM and Election of new PPC members has been postponed till Fr Alban returns. Those PPC members whose term of office expires this year have agreed to remain in post temporarily.

9. Date of next Meeting – Thursday 14th September, 7.15 pm

10. Prayer Leaders for next meeting: FM opening prayer, MD closing prayer.

11. Closing Prayers – The meeting was closed with a prayer
