

STM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes 08 January 2020

Meeting opened: 7:21pm
PPC Members: Mariel Adams, David Broom, Father Darryl, Neil Dawson (Chair), Tim Hackwell, Simon Jones.
Secretary: Sue Morris

Simon Jones was welcomed as a new member of the PPC.

1. **Opening prayer:** Father Darryl.

2. **Apologies for absence**
Kevin Burnham, Rosemary Farrow.

3. **Matters arising from previous meetings**
The minutes of the previous meeting held 20.11.19 were circulated prior to the meeting. Steve Ferris gave a correction when the minutes were circulated that (1) the new front doors were funded by parish donors to Living Our Faith and (2) that the money collected from the harvest supper had not been paid to Mercy for Life because full details of the charity bank account had not been provided. A further update before this meeting was that appropriate details had finally been provided and that the money has now been paid.

Matters arising not covered under separate agenda items were:-

- **Website**
The PPC minutes on the website have been re-organised so that the newest minutes are at the top of the list.
- **Cleaners**
It was suggested that if no volunteers come forward to clean the church then the hall cleaner might be approached or the church might be left uncleaned to see if that might encourage people to volunteer.
Ongoing action: Neil Dawson to compose a flyer and a notice for Father Darryl to read out at Masses. The notice will be extended to ask for volunteers to wash altar linens and help with flower arranging.
- **Bible sessions**
The videos are not available for loan yet so the sessions will not start this week as planned.
Ongoing action: Neil Dawson to look on the internet to see where the books can be purchased from and how much they cost.
Action: Neil Dawson to arrange for an item to be inserted in the newsletter when the videos are available.
- **Aid to the church in need**
This was marked by a spiral candle holder on the font for the octave leading up to "red" Wednesday (27.11.19) and a red light on the balcony.
- **Giving tree**
The Apostleship of the Sea have sent a message of thanks for the many Christmas gifts that were donated. The email also included photographs of the receipt of the gifts which Neil Dawson printed out and displayed in the narthex. It was noted that several more gifts had been donated and these will be transferred to the Apostleship of the Sea.

4. **Parish**
Update on financial picture in the Parish
Steve Ferris had provided a financial update which was circulated at the meeting detailing the income and expenditure to the end of December 2019. The update included a note about the payment for the new front doors which have now been installed.

At the last meeting it was commented that £25K is not much to hold for contingencies and it was questioned if the Diocese would step in to subsidise any unexpected works that might be required by e.g. providing an emergency loan. Steve Ferris has stated that this is not the policy of the Fabric and Finance Committee and that the Parish has repeatedly refused to consider this because it could never pay it back.

Social activities

Next social event

A further quiz was suggested to include Old Testament and New Testament rounds. It was agreed the event will be "bring and share" food with soft drinks being provided. Attendees would be welcome to bring other drinks. The date was set for 21 March after the Saturday evening 6.30pm Mass.

Ordinariate

Father Darryl noted that some members of the Ordinariate had left the Parish.

5. Diocesan

The Bishop has asked for prayers to be said for the renewal of the Diocese.

Action: Father Darryl to include this in the bidding prayers.

6. Pastoral area

The next meeting is scheduled for the week following this meeting. Neil Dawson commented that this Parish and two other Parishes had stated at the last Pastoral Area meeting that they will have trouble raising the amount asked for as a share of the cost of employing Richard Martin. (For STM this has been calculated to be £3K.) (It was reported at the last PPC meeting that this amount had been based on a much higher Mass count than was current.) It was not known if Steve Ferris had received a response to his letter to the Diocese about this.

7. Correspondence

No other correspondence to note.

8. AOB

Traditional Latin Mass

Father Darryl handed out a sheet detailing the content of several emails and telephone conversations he has had recently following a request for STM church to be used for the celebration of Latin Masses every Sunday at 5.30pm and every Holy Day of Obligation at 5.00pm. The Parish had been chosen as there was already an Ordinariate presence and therefore any items needed would be available. The Masses would be self-administering and their congregation would provide their own servers, choir etc.. A fee of £50 per Mass is being offered. It was explained that the other Parishes in the Pastoral Area had been canvassed and had raised no objections to such Masses being celebrated at STM. Father Darryl re-assured PPC members that the rite had been fully approved by Pope Benedict. No Diocese can prohibit priests saying a Mass in Latin. The PPC discussed the proposal. Concern was raised about Holy Days of Obligation and whether there would be a clash between the Latin Mass at 5.00pm and the STM Mass at 6.30pm. It was decided that there was unlikely to be a problem. The PPC were supportive of the church being used for these Masses.

Action: Father Darryl to let the group know that Mass in the traditional Latin form can be celebrated at STM as proposed starting 25.02.20.

Minister from other rite

Father Darryl was asked about a person who had been acting as a Eucharistic Minister at weekday Masses. Father Darryl explained that the person was a priest under the authority of the Nordic Catholic Church which was in communion with the Catholic church. Although that person is unable to perform a priest's ministry (reading the Gospel, blessings etc.) he is able to take and administer Holy Communion.

9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 7.00pm.

10. Refreshments for next meeting: Mariel Adams

11. Closing prayer: Father Darryl.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm