

## **Minutes of PPC Meeting 24/4/24**

Present : Paul Freeman, Fr Michael, Sheelagh Bowker, Marlena O'Donnell, Teresa Muston, Deacon Brian, Kristina Stitt

Apologies: Mary Lewis

### **Pocketful of Prayers**

No further progress

### **DBS**

Mary absent so no further information

### **Easter Services**

Well attended and a good atmosphere- may need more altar servers for Easter Vigil next time

### **Celebration of Fr Michael's Jubilee**

We are very lucky to have Fr Michael. The afternoon tea event to celebrate his anniversary had a warm friendly atmosphere and the cakes provided by Mrs Silva and many other generous donors were delicious. Many thanks to Fr Michael for his service to the Church and our community.

The celebration of Fr Michael's birthday in September is under consideration.

### **Introduction to the Bible Talks**

Fr M to take the first 11 chapters of the Bible and provide explanations. Scheduled for the summer when the evenings are lighter.

The Hall is free on a Wednesday evening so 7pm is suggested. Talks would last about 45 mins with tea and biscuits. Possible dates 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **First Communion**

11 children only so extended family would be welcome to attend. First confessions have been made. Confirmation is all in hand.

**Youth Mass** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month so coincides with Pentecost. It was decided to also have a May procession on that day. Statue of Our Lady will be outside the Hall and a short procession and crowning after 10.30 mass.

### **The footpath up to the Hall**

The footpath is very narrow, uneven and there is a deep trench on one side following the building work at the house next door. Contact with Parish Council is needed. Marlena and Krissie will write a letter to the Parish Council.

### **Membership of the PPC**

The PPC warmly welcomed the new member, Paul Freeman.

Wilson Remott is keen to join the PPC. He has children at St Martin's so would be a good contributor to the meetings due to his link to the school. Wilson is unable to attend the meetings regularly. Marlana suggested different ways for Wilson to input into the meetings including conversations before and after the meetings. Marlana to contact Wilson with our response.

Teresa Muston announced her retirement from the PPC but will still be on hand on the Parish WhasApp. Thanks were expressed for her long service.

It is important to bring younger, active people into the committee.

The search for the Constitution is still ongoing but not successful yet.

Marlene has a "Parish Review" from 2012 and shared the ways in which the PPC carries out its mission.

We will try to produce a constitution prior to recruiting more members for the PPC.

### **Thoughtful Living Group.**

Live Simply Award assessment will be taking place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Plant and Book Sale on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May to support CIRDIC and Reading Refugee Centre.

CIRDIC have raised some funds so are not facing an imminent danger of closing.

SmartWorks are a charity that provides smart clothes for women who need interview – an appeal will be made in the next few weeks for smart ladies clothes

Laudato Si week 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May . The Laudato Si prayer will be said at the masses (second weekend).  
Krissie will print the prayer before the first weekend (19<sup>th</sup> May)

### **Social and Fundraising Events**

International Mass and social event in the Hall afterwards. Possibly 14<sup>th</sup> July. Marlana to contact Yvonne and ask her to ensure that the International Mass does not coincide with the Youth Mass.

Deacon Brian's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend is the following weekend when there will be a Youth Mass.

Safari Supper is on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Krissie will do desserts here at St Michaels. Krissie won't be around to co-ordinate the event. Deacon Brian will put a request in the Parish WhatsApp for the help with setting up and clearing afterwards. Representatives from other churches will need to help with the sales of raffle tickets.

Fr M suggested that 8<sup>th</sup> September would be an opportunity to have a special mass for couples celebrating a significant jubilee e.g. 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **AOB**

The patronal weekend – discuss at next meeting

Lent collections may have been too numerous. Suggested that there should be only one extra collection in future. Since Deborah is now a CAFOD rep maybe we should support CAFOD in Lent.

Next meeting dates 11<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July

Closing Prayer Fr M