

**Minutes for St Michael's Church Sonning Common held
on Monday 18th February, 2019**

Present: MS; DB, BW, TM, KS, MOD
Apologies: SB; TL, ML

Minutes of previous meeting accepted

Matters arising:

The appeal for the Columbian Fathers raised an impressive £663
Photos of new PPC members to be added to noticeboard at back of church, MOD is just waiting on a few photos;

New noticeboards are also to be fixed at the back of church MOD to source

The arrangements for the Games and Pancake afternoon are well underway and KS agreed to send St Martin's school details of the event so they can be given out to children at the school.

It has been agreed that CIRDIC will be St Michael's Lenten charity for 2019

Lent and Easter 2019:

Holy Week and Easter Masses are to be held at same time as last year.

Ash Wednesday masses will be at - 7pm on Tuesday evening at St Michael's
 9am at St Martin's school on Ash Wednesday
 12pm at St Michael's on Ash Wednesday

Lenten Talks – It was agreed that St Michael's would try to liaise with other parishes, to avoid a clash of events - but Wednesday seems to be the only evening when the church hall is available during the week. Fr Michael suggested using the church (the area behind the pews at the back of church) if the hall is not available.

KS agreed to contact Sacred Heart in Henley and St Anne's in Caversham to find out their start dates.

FrM reported that FrP at St Anne's is giving talks during Lent based on the Creed.

Fr M commented that his talks would be titled

- Newman in the Anglican Church
- Newman in the Catholic Church
- Working in the Vatican

It was then suggested that one Wednesday evening in Lent could be given over to a representative of Embrace the Middle East and a further Wednesday to a representative of CIRDIC

It was agreed that the Rosary/Stations of the Cross will be said after masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent. In addition, the Stations of the Cross would be said before each of the masses on the 1st weekend in Lent.

KS will order 20 new copies of the Stations of the Cross
KS will also order some Easter Cards

Various initiatives for fundraising were discussed including the Pink Bag scheme and foreign coin collection, but it was agreed that these would be pursued at another time. The envelopes with the crosses on will be put out for people to use to collect money for the Lenten charity CIRDIC

Fr M asked if we should do Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament one evening per week either Sunday afternoon or Monday evening– he would discuss this further with BT to decide which is more appropriate.

It was agreed that services for Holy week would be as in previous years including a service of Reconciliation on Monday April 15th

Passover supper - D Hallé is willing to lead the evening – the date will be dependent on the Hall Kitchen refurbishments – KS to report back to FrM and BT

Special masses and Liturgies

FrM would like the 10.30am mass on the 2nd Sunday in Lent to be dedicated to those who have lost a child in the womb and for infants who died before being baptised. – in remembrance and consolidation

A further Mass, one Sunday after Easter will include the giving of the Sacrament of the sick during the mass and be dedicated to the sick and frail, including the elderly. On this occasion, FrM will invite a priest from Douai Abbey so that there will be two priests anointing – FrM would like the PPC to organize transport so that people from care homes can be brought to St Michaels.

Church music

FT has printed out a form for parishioners to request their favourite hymns in response to a request from a parishioner about the music at masses

There has been a request for the Life in the Spirit course from a parishioner – Sr Josephine does these courses so BT will look into it to see if there are any courses being held elsewhere/nearby. It was agreed that St Michael's is not in a position to do the course at the moment.

KS is to look into producing a handbook for the parish to be displayed at the back of church with useful information for parishioners especially for new parishioners.

It was agreed that the next meeting should consider the date of the AGM

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Next meetings:

18/03 at 7.30pm

29/04 at 7.30pm