

PPC Minutes, 9/10/2014

Present: Fr M; SB; KS; PF; PM; MO'D; ML (mins)

Apologies: DBT

Opening prayer

Welcome: Paul Muston joined the PPC.

Matters Arising

A pocketful of prayers - now printed and on its way to Alive Publishing.

DBS Info - spreadsheet sent to KS - to be kept as confidential.

Missals - the parish is negotiating costs and KS has requested a sample missal.

Parish roles and arrangements

Auxiliary Bishop Richard is due to visit Fr M to discuss retirement plans.

KS plans to step back from parish duties in the near future. **Action** - legacy planning to be discussed by KS, DBT and MO'D before opening up potential roles to parishioners.

Patronal weekend

While numbers were down on previous years at the Parish lunch and AGM, the atmosphere over the weekend was positive and friendly. The talks were well received. Next year plans to bring forward the Family Mass weekend to coincide with the feast of our patron saint - hopefully boost numbers at the parish lunch.

The PPC constitution was ratified and a new member of the PPC came forward - PM.

The Thoughtful Living Group

The Thames clean-up went well, the craft and produce sale during the patronal weekend raised funds to cover the expenses of the Christmas lunch for CIRDIC, and the Ramble for the Reading Refugee Group was successful - 13 participants enjoyed good weather, friendly company and the lovely local countryside.

Special Celebratory Masses

Anointing of the sick mass will take place on 13th October.

Special wedding anniversaries with blessing at the end of Mass for couples celebrating significant anniversaries will take place on Sunday 20th October at 10.30am. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served after the mass.

During the Holy Year, next year, there will be a special event to celebrate married couples.

Engagement of the youth in the parish

Next Youth Mass is on 20/10.

MO'D plans to run a games event for teenagers after the youth mass early next year - date tbc.

Fundraising and social events

- Craft evening on 18th October
- Charity board games event (to raise money for the Missing People charity) on 20th October
- Christmas Pudding evening on 22nd November
- Flower arranging workshop on 14th December
- Possible quiz evening in January or February 2025.

Parish database

Last done in 2018, due to be updated - discuss next meeting.

AOB

KS - the ecumenical safari supper is unlikely to take place again. Suggestion - host a meal for the other churches as an alternative. Bring and share or BBQ - supply salads and people bring own food for BBQ.

Fr M - Holy Year - parish pilgrimage hike to the Shrine of Our Lady at St Anne's in Caversham.

MO'D - preparations for Christmas and Advent.

SB to approach SR, if she would like help with the Advent Tree and KS to ask KM if he'd like help with tree decoration.

Next meetings:

13th November and 4th December

Closing Prayer

Meeting ended 8.00pm