

2 February 2015

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# **MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 January 2015**

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These are the minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on 21 January 2015.

The following members of the Council were present:

- Father Michael McGreevy
  - Father Joseph Musendami
  - Joe Calairo
  - Bella Caridade-Ferreira
  - Robin Landon
  - Patrice Murphy
  - Rudi Pittrof
  - Dina Raouf
  - Lizzie Sinclair
  - Will Thompson
  - Bertrand Cliquet
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- Michelle Reilly and Marie-Maye Lorrیمان were unable to attend.

## **1. Opening prayer**

Father Michael concluded his prayer asking God to guide the reflection and action of the council in the interest of the parish.

## **2/ overall mission and parish statement**

Father Michael wanted to stress that the focus of our mission should be making Christ known. This is a responsibility that the Parish council and all the Parishioners share with the Parish Priest.

## **3/ review of minutes**

Agreed by every one. action points reviewed.  
Atrium plans retrieved from archives - done.

## **4/ update on Hall**

The Hall Committee made considerable progress since the last meeting and plans to inform the parish as soon as tangible elements have been agreed.

## **5/ Finance committee**

A meeting of the Finance committee is to take place on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

There will be a number of changes to the Committee. Will Thompson agreed to take on the role of Chairman, Robin Landon and Phil Stokes will contribute their accounting expertise to the Finance Committee. The aim of the February meeting is to organise a formal handover, with all existing and new members present. That will enable the finances of the parish to be transparently communicated to the parishioners.

Preparatory meetings will take place with the permanent members of the Finance committee.

## **6/ Reader shortage for 5.30pm and 8am mass.**

The number of readers for the 5.30 pm Saturday and 8 am Sunday mass has declined, with a number of readers moving out of the parish. The need to call for new readers has therefore arisen in order to alleviate the pressure on existing readers. The PPC will be looking for volunteers. The intention is to be on a rotation of every 3-4 weeks.

Bella Caridade-Ferreira mentioned that she will be attending 8am mass and volunteered. Bertrand Cliquet volunteered for the 5.30 mass.

## **7/ Holy Communion etiquette**

The flow around the church has become increasingly disorganised. This is very apparent at the 10am Sunday mass. Parishioners do not respect the natural circular flow that would involve starting at the back of the Church, and returning to their seats by the side aisles. The Celebrating priest will ask that a people come in two rows and go back by the side, and that parishioners seated in the transepts take the Holy Communion in the transepts when available. He will as well remind parishioners that buggies obstructing the flow of people represent a health and safety risk, were an evacuation of the church to be required. The reminder is to be published in the newsletter as well.

## **8/ Pancake day**

There is great enthusiasm for the upcoming pancake day party at 11 am on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will be in the long room of the Monastery, with the view to open the gates to the garden in order to organise pancake races and other games on the theme.

The PPC aims to raise £200 for the parish

Pancakes with the following flavours will be available: sugar and lemon, chocolate sauce, maple syrup and berries. Prices were set at 50p for tea and 2 biscuit, for coffee 75p and 2 biscuits, 1 pound for pancake.

## **9/ Bishop Patrick visit.**

Father Michael informed the PPC that Bishop Patrick is expected to visit the parish on a Pastoral visit on November 8<sup>th</sup>, around the Confirmation. Bishop Patrick will be celebrating the Confirmation mass.

We are blessed with the visit of Bishop Patrick for the entire week-end, starting Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Patrick will visit St Mary's school on Friday.

He expressed the wish to to meet people in the parish. The PPC will organise groups to meet with Bishop Patrick on Friday evening and/or Saturday afternoon.

During his pastoral visit, Bishop Patrick will as well visit institutions, housebound people, and meet the parish priest.

The PPC intends as well to organise a small reception to welcome Bishop Patrick.

Action points will be discussed at the next PPC meeting.

#### **10/AOB**

- The parish needs new altar servants at 12.00 on Sunday and 5.30pm on Saturday.

A number of applicants have come forward, but now need to be trained and can start after holy communion

The PPC mentioned that it would be desirable to include this role in school applications.

This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. Due to the renovation works in the kitchen, the lunch did not take place in 2014. The PPC will be contemplating a time after Easter. A week after Easter, April 12<sup>th</sup> is the date contemplated for a special banquet.

- All PPC members should be CRB checked.

- Father Joseph will be leaving the parish on March 9th. Father Joseph is to address the parish at all masses on February 28th and March 1st.

Father Joseph seeks to organise for some of his Zimbabwean friends to come and play music at mass. An opportunity to say goodbye to Father Joseph will be offered after the 12 noon mass on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **11/ dates for next meetings.**

The next meetings of the PPC will be 25 February 25 at 7.30 pm and 22 April 22 at 7.30 pm.