



Parish of The Most Precious Blood

Part of the R.C. Diocese of Plymouth Reg. Charity No. 213227

Parish Priest: Canon Paul Cummins

NOTES of THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th May 2018

Welcome & Apologies:-

Meeting chaired by Jeremy who welcomed everyone. Andrew, John, Michael and Tanya sent apologies.

PPC Group Photograph:-

As there were a number of apologies it was agreed that the group photograph would be taken after Sunday Mass on the 10th June 2018

Prayer and reflection:- Fr. Paul **Note taking:-** Cathy

Items brought by Parish Priest:-

- **Pastoral Assistant** . Fr. Paul advised that the Pastoral Assistant contract has been extended. Well done to Naomi along with the Parish Ecumenical Team (PET) who are raising the profile in the town of our Church. There have been articles in the Sidmouth Herald along with our participation in the national prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' that is taking place between Ascension Day and Pentecost.
- **Building Works** . Fr. Paul and Cathy advised the group that there were building works that were raised in the quinquennial report by Vickery Holman that had been put on hold due to the Church Redevelopment Programme (CRP). As the CRP is currently stalled at this time those works have now to be carried out starting in June/July. The re-rendering of the Presbytery, inspection of drains, new boiler are examples of such works. There are also other works that were included in the CRP that are going to be carried out in the near future, such as the Font being reinstated, new ceremonial doors, sound proofing the confessional.

Evangelisation:-

Naomi advised that evangelisation is twofold i.e. Our Church Initiatives and Outside of Church Initiatives.

• **Our Church Initiatives:-**

Three Lenten Masses with Fr. Paul talking through a particular part of the Mass

Taize services

Prayer sessions

As the Ladies Guild had folded in its present format to carry on informally with tea and discussion and opening up the session to all members of the parish and the local community

Pentecost Novena printed and made available . part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Daily Stations of the Cross guide . part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Rosary on the coast . 40/50 people attended

Kite making in St Teresa's Hall planned for 12th May

Pentecost annual kite flying on Peak Hill to take place on Sunday 20th May

Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls Clubs are open to all in the local community

• **Outside of Church Initiatives:-**

Based on 'Thy Kingdom Come' members of PET attended the launch and met the Anglican Bishop in the market place. Photo of Rebecca and Rowena with the Bishop were printed in the Sidmouth Herald along with a quote from Naomi

Members attended the prayer walk and photos of Peter and Emma McGauley in the Sidmouth Herald

Many more events due to take place during the 'Thy Kingdom Come' period

• **Pastoral Assistant role:-**

Naomi gave an overview of her job as it impacts on evangelisation. Currently Naomi is getting out and meeting up with all the churches in Sidmouth, attending school assemblies, has been asked to help with RE revision at the 6th form college and is arranging a Parents Night Off

Any Other Business:-

- **Communion Procession** . at Sunday Mass on the 6th May the procession came to a complete standstill, people couldn't get back to their seats therefore the procession backed up, as the church was full. A detailed discussion took place and Fr. Paul agreed that when the church was full he would invite the Lady Chapel to attend communion after the choir and before those in the front pews
- **Hymns:-**
 - **Communion** . to be quieter as agreed in the PPC meeting of 7th October 2017
 - **New** . one new hymn only in any one Mass, This was agreed at the PPC meeting of 7th October 2017. Also when a new hymn is sung then to carry on with the same hymn over the next few weeks (not necessarily week after week) to allow everyone to learn the hymn
- **Prayers** . it was noted that the prayer cards on the pews were running out. Naomi to speak to Rebecca and print off more cards.
- **Christmas Tree** . it was agreed that the Tree should be smaller this year as it shouldn't take over what else is going on on the altar e.g. the nativity

Date of Next Meeting: Saturday 28th July at 10 a.m. in St Teresa's Hall