



# Parish of The Most Precious Blood

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

Parish Priest: Canon Paul Cummins

## NOTES FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

**Introduction:** Jeremy welcomed members to the meeting, and led the opening prayer.

**Apologies** from Tanya, Norma and Ann.

**Notes from last meeting** were accepted.

**Hall Kitchen Update:** Jeremy welcomed Martine Torjussen to the meeting, who gave a short update on the progress of the sub committee that was looking at the refurbishment of the Hall Kitchen. A comparison of quotations was circulated. All agreed that this work was needed, given the age and condition of the present kitchen and fittings. The Finance Committee had agreed that the work should be carried out, and the PPC was in agreement with them.

**Items from the Parish Priest:** Fr Paul noted that the Finance Committee had agreed to the numerous 'small works' totalling approximately £73k (including the cost of the kitchen refurbishment, which is currently estimated at around £30k). He noted the recent fundraising efforts for the refurbishment, and encouraged their continuance.

Fr Paul said that Naomi's contract as Pastoral Assistant was to be renewed for a further 12 months, and thanked her for her hard work for the Parish.

Fr Paul noted that the flat next to the church was on the market, and invited discussion about purchasing it to provide accommodation for a refugee family. The meeting agreed this was a worthwhile act which should be investigated further; Fr Paul said he would ask Bridget to form a small group to do this.

**Pastoral Assistant report:** Naomi led discussion on three initiatives:

- Regarding the *Bible weekend*, she had received a positive response from the Priest in Exmouth, where they had asked for donations to part defray the cost, and that a minimum of around 10 persons were needed.
- The *Alpha course* would involve running 15 sessions over 11 weeks – perhaps in two groups.
- *Say One For Me* (see <https://www.romseyabbey.org.uk/2018/05/say-one-for-me-2018-video/>) would run between The feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost.

It was agreed that each of these initiatives were promising. Naomi asked for prayers to find help with running one of them.

### **AOB**

- Cathy reported on her inquiries regarding a Safeguarding refresher – perhaps to include drug abuse, modern slavery and terrorism – in September/ October, with training offered to each of the different Ministries.
- Jeremy mentioned:
  - The importance of acknowledging the numerous volunteers carrying out work behind the scenes. Fr Paul noted that he was planning to meet with volunteers in the near future.
  - That a deep clean of the church was due, probably after the development work had been completed.

**Future Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> April (10am), 29<sup>th</sup> June (10am), 7<sup>th</sup> September (11.30am), 16<sup>th</sup> November (10am).