



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 28th July 2018

Introduction.

Jeremy welcomed members to the meeting. Prayers were led by Fr Paul.

Apologies from Michael, Paul, John and Andrew.

Notes from last meeting were accepted without comment. Paul emphasised that whoever was taking the notes should be involved in the meeting's discussions (even at the expense of the quality of the notes). The PPC photo was postponed to September 8.

Items from the Parish Priest: These included the possibility of donating money to Street Scene, a scheme run by the Mustard Seed to supply meals to the needy, and which is running low on funds. All agreed this was a worthwhile thing to do, and a monthly sum was agreed. Paul said that he'd ask the parish secretary to proceed.

Church Development Project Cathy described the overall technical plan of the rebuild, and outlined the schedule; this sees work on the boiler room starting soon. New (ceremonial) doors for the church are due to arrive in September, and the font is being redesigned. Work that has been done so far includes a new front door for the presbytery, and a new sound system for the church. It was noted that soundproofing the confessional is not practical to do.

Parish Evangelisation team is in abeyance for the summer. Paul said that some re-purposing of the team was required; he'd suggested to Naomi that a small group be formed to look at this. There was some discussion in the meeting about evangelisation and social work, how to be a Catholic in the world today, and vision and mission.

St Teresa's Hall management: Paul reported that John & Gwen would be stepping down from the committee at the end of 2018 after 12 years service. He suggested there was an opportunity to review its structure and operation. There was some discussion about the activities which needed coordination, including cleaning, maintaining and booking. The possibility of involving pre-existing resources (e.g. the building committee and the parish secretary) was mentioned. Paul suggested that anyone who would like to be involved in setting future directions for the hall (including, for example, representatives from external groups which use it) should contact himself or the parish secretary.

Pastoral Assistant report: It was noted that the Thy Kingdom Come collaboration had been a success. Other resources were mentioned, including a 7 week course called Talking Jesus, and a 3 x 7 week one on Christlife. With the cessation of the Ladies Guild, this slot (afternoon of first Monday of the month) was now being used as a time for tea and a chat (for anyone). The most recent Parent's Night Off was a success, with more outside people coming in than previously. Finally, the need to support the confirmandi in prayer was emphasised.

AOB - It was suggested that a deep(er) clean of the church and sacristy could be performed once every (say) three months. The building committee will look at hiring an external company to do this.

Next Meeting 8 September in the Hall at 11:30 am. Notes by Tanya; prayers by Norma.