



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 29th July 2017

Introduction. John Larter (JL) welcomed attendees and advised that this was the 42nd PPC meeting since Father Paul's arrival and the Chairman's 40th PPC meeting: both were thanked and congratulated. JL thanked Naomi for offering to take the notes of the meeting.

Welcome and apologies

Apologies had been received from CG and AT. TT was unable to attend

Prayers and reflection were presented by Norma.

Items from meeting on 27th May 2017

Father Paddy's 90th will be organised by Father Paul with bubbly after Mass and Father Paddy's request for no presentations and no fuss will be adhered to. The Social Committee have been notified of these wishes.

Items from the Parish Priest

1. An update from the Parish Evangelisation meeting which was held on 26.07.17 at the Mustard Seed was presented by Father Paul who explained the following outcomes:
 - To provide everyone in the parish with the opportunity to pray for the Holy Spirit to open everyone's heart, ears and eyes for daily outreach (evangelisation) through encouragement at Mass and facilitating monthly Exposition.
 - To encourage those parishioners who are unable to attend Exposition to pray at home during the allotted time.
 - To continue to do all that we do in the parish with an added eye for evangelisation.
 - To pray more and resist the urge to 'do' more.
2. A request was made for a Red Boxes appeal: Father Paul is to action this request later in the liturgical year.
3. The continuing formation of all age groups within the parish is going to be discussed at a Sacramental Review Meeting on Wednesday 23rd August.

Church Development Update

An outline of plans have been approved by the diocese and we are currently waiting for a detailed quotation and detailed drawings from the architects.

PPC membership

As Naomi in her role as Parish Pastoral Assistant is now an ex-officio member of the PPC there is currently one position to be filled in September. An announcement will be made at each Mass this weekend informing the congregation of the vacancy. Nomination forms and more information in the Newsletter will be available from next weekend until the end of August, when if necessary a ballot will be held.

From 1st February 2018 the current Chairperson of the PPC will have to stand down in accordance with the current constitution. This will be discussed fully at the next PPC meeting. Prayer was requested to support these two PPC changes.

AOB Operation Christmas Child boxes to go ahead as before this year. Norma will find out more about 'Blithe Care' as a possible alternative charity to support in years to come.

Date and time of next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 23rd September at 11:30 in the Hall.**

(Cathy has since volunteered to do the note taking at the meeting but prayers and reflection are awaiting a volunteer.)