



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 7th September 2019

Introduction: Jeremy welcomed members to the meeting; Fr Paul led the opening prayer.

Apologies from Andrew, Naomi, Paul H, Ann and Norma.

Notes from last meeting were accepted.

Items from the Parish Priest: Fr Paul talked described the Care Of Creation event on August 31. He noted the ambiguity between organizing it as a community event, and a specifically Catholic one; this was a balancing act, which – to a large extent – had been successful. It was noted (again) that evangelisation was also of interest to secular groups, focussed on, for example, ameliorating climate change, or reducing plastic usage. Around 40 people attended the evening, and informal feedback from attendees was very positive. It was noted that there had been a [detailed article about the event](#) in the Sidmouth Herald.

Tanya asked about follow-ups to the meeting. Jeremy noted the Our Fragile Earth events taking place in Sidmouth churches during October. There was a discussion about determining the environmental friendliness of the church (including, e.g. the use of plastic glasses) with a view to making it better, and searching for environmental champions who could promote the cause. Fr Paul said he would discuss these ideas with Naomi.

Fr Paul said that the family resettlement project was moving forward; a house had been selected and final police checks were being undertaken. He said that the diocese was being very supportive, and that the project would be opened up soon so that more people could get involved. Jeremy asked about a further presentation to the parish to inform them about aims and progress, and to share enthusiasm for the objective; Paul said this was under consideration.

Buildings Report: Cathy reported that the latest contract would be signed soon, and that the kitchen refurbishment would start at the end of September and last for about a month. It was noted again that the font would be coming into the church (near the front door) once its base had been redesigned and new fittings added to the lid. The aim was to move the organ and the font at the same time to minimise disruption.

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- Tanya reported that, following the success of Rosary On The Coast (for which around 65 people turned up), there was a [suggested devotion](#) for the first Saturdays for five months: go to confession, say five decades of the rosary and sit with Mary. She said the objective was praying for reparation for our country. There was some discussion about how such a programme could fit alongside existing commitments in the church on Saturdays; Jeremy suggested Tanya and Fr Paul continue their discussion after the meeting.

Future Meeting: 16th November (10am).