

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of St Fergus, Forfar and St Anthony's, Kirriemuir.

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st February 2023 in St Anthony's Church Hall.

- 1. Michael Visocchi presided.
Fr Dijo opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Geoff Bray, Anne Marie Bray, Philip Jackson, Martin Korabowski-Smith, Margaret McCauley, Kaye Cattanach, Anne Pender

- 2. Apologies:**

Anne Cormie, Helen Flight, Bert Miller, Mike Devine, Zo Korabowska-Smith, Frances Hampton

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2023**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. One Day recollection in preparation for Easter**

One Day recollection would be in the form of a Lenten Retreat and a program would be produced for the day. The date set for this is Saturday 25th March 2023 from 9.30am – 11.30am in St Fergus Church, Forfar. Father Dijo is to enquire about the structure of the service to include Mass, Adoration and Stations of the Cross.

The Reconciliation Service during Holy Week would be in one church only.

Easter Vigil would begin at 8.00pm in Forfar.

Easter Sunday Masses would be as normal.

- 6. World Day of Prayer at St Fergus on 3rd March 2023**

Bill Flight produced a booklet explaining the format for this event starting at 7.00pm. Lynda Stobbs is the representative from St Fergus.

- 7. Confirmation and First Communion 7th May 2023**

The Catechism Teachers were not in attendance at the meeting but informed that everything is organised for 7th May. One child will be Confirmed and 5 children will make their First Communion.

- 8. St Anthony's feast day 13th June 2023**

Arrangements are in hand.

9. 60th Anniversary of St Fergus Church 19th September 2023

Arrangements are in hand.

10. Use of hall by Gallowshade Community Council and others

The representative from Gallowshade Community Council was unable to attend the meeting, due to illness, to discuss funding for the hall. Users of the hall are keen to develop the hall.

11. Building Fund and St Fergus Building Survey

Bill Flight produced a building survey of St Fergus Church and hall which states numerous works are needed to both buildings. Advice is to be sought regarding the church roof as paint has begun to peel off. Jim Graham is to be approached to ask if he can supply names of contacts who can advise on fund raising events to help pay for the work needed. A spreadsheet detailing dates of the Building Fund collections is to be posted at the back of both churches. A copy is also to be given out with the newsletter to parishioners.

12. AOCB

Philip Jackson has agreed to take over the running of the 100 Club in Forfar.

Kaye Cattanach has submitted Parish Safeguarding Form.

Anne Marie Bray is to make six cassocks for Kirriemuir Altar Servers.

Michael Visocchi approached previous Eucharistic Ministers in Kirriemuir to ask if they wished to continue but they are not keen. Anne Pender expressed a wish to do this. Father Dijo stated that it is not necessary for two Eucharistic Ministers to visit together but that it may be safe to do so. At this time, Eucharistic Ministers are not needed to serve on the altar. Two parishioners in Forfar are keen to do this.

A notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers to clean the church for Easter.

Father Dijo is keen to have a curry night in St Fergus during the summer months, and he is going to approach friends of his to prepare the food. No date has been given.

A meeting with Gallowshade Community Council is to be arranged to discuss events to take place in the hall.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church Hall, Forfar.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.15pm with prayer.