

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

Held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 01 August 2023 in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir

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

### **Welcome and Attendance**

**Present:** Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Philip Jackson, Anne Pender, Helen Flight, Kaye Cattanach Angela Taylor, Karolina Green, Elena Visocchi, Alan Draper Annmarie McInally, Frances Hampton, Margaret McCauley

- 2. Apologies:**

Anne-Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Anne Cormie, Callum McLean, Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Zo Korabiowska-Smith

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Father Dijo visit to India**

Father Dijo reported on his visit to India to visit family and friends. Unfortunately, he was hospitalised for 6 days and had to extend his visit to get well before his return journey. Whilst in India he was able to acquire new coverings for the altar in St Fergus, Forfar. The new altar coverings are in four different colours. They are White for Easter, Christmas, Saints Feasts and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion; Red for Holy Spirit, Confirmation and Martyred Saints; Violet for the Dead, Lent and Advent and Green for Ordinary Days.

- 6. 100 Club and Bingo**

Kaye reported that the uptake in Forfar is slow. There are four or five still to take up in Kirriemuir. It was suggested that maybe rolling the 100 Club may not be suitable for some people who were used to the 100 Club being twice yearly. It may have to go back to twice a year as before.

The bingo night is in hand. A notice for donations for food is to be placed in newsletter. Annmarie McInally is to ask her sister, Elizabeth, if she would be willing to operate the bar on the night. Posters advertising the event are up around Forfar.

- 7. Painting of church frontage - Forfar**

Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi and Father Dijo have been working away in the background to get this up and running. A visit took place on 1<sup>st</sup> August by the Fabric Convenor to approve this work and a donation was made towards it which will cost £11,182.80. The Fabric Convenor was given the quotes for the work. A new sign was approved for the front of the church. The church will be painted in Goose Grey. Option for replacement or repair to the roof are to be

looked into. The work to start painting will begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for approximately one month.

**8. St Fergus Church Hall usage**

Hillcrest Youth Group use the hall every second week and Gallowshade Community Group use the hall every Friday. The calendar in the hall should be checked for availability for any future events for the church. Bill Flight told the meeting that he had had an enquiry from the group Jazzercise about using the hall for 1hr on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Jazzercise are to get back to Bill. Bill has also made invoices for the use of the hall. There is a book in the hall to record usage of the hall.

It is still hoped that a regular cleaner may be recruited to keep hall, kitchen and toilets clean.

**9. St Anthony's Feast Day 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

St Anthony's Feast Day was reported to the meeting as a great success and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Previous priests attended, the weather was great and the barbeque was also great.

**10. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of St Fergus Church – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Father Kevin Golden has noted the date of the anniversary. Although the anniversary is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the celebrations will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September with the Solemn Mass taking place later in the afternoon instead of 11.15am. The time is still to be confirmed. An item will be placed in the newsletter to ask for donations of food for the celebrations after mass in the hall. It was suggested that someone may be able to research St Fergus; who was he? what did he do? and a prayer may be written for him to be said each week for the following year.

**11. A.O.C.B.**

A notice will remain in the newsletter about the restarting of the Catechism and the Children's Liturgy. Father Dijo is to announce at mass the date of the meeting for the parents of children who will be attending Catechism and Children's Liturgy. The meeting for the parents is to be arranged for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September after 11.15am mass in Forfar. The Children's Liturgy will commence on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August and the Catechism classes are to commence on Monday 11 September in St Fergus.

Geoff Bray is to take over producing the newsletter from Maureen Jackson.

**12. Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church, Forfar.

**Closing Prayer**

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.20pm with a prayer.