

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

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 31 October 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, Elena Visocchi
Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Anne Pender, Helen Flight,
Anne-Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Angela Taylor, Kaye Donaldson
Nancy McCormack, Martin Korabiowski-Smith,

- 2. Apologies:**

Deacon Bert Miller, Philip Jackson, Zo Korabiowski-Smith,
Calum McLean, Karolina Green, Margaret McCauley

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 29 August 2023**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Update on church repairs and painting of east gable of St Fergus**

Bill Flight reported that the repairs and painting of the frontage and gable end have been completed. Geoff Bray also cut down a tree that was obscuring the sign at the gable end. The painting of the east gable is to start shortly. Recently convened Dunkeld Diocesan Pastoral Council has taken the decision to repair the roof of St Fergus Church. Quotes are to be invited for the work. It is hoped to have the work started in spring/summer of 2024.

- 6. St Anthony's church hall flooding**

Michael Visocchi Snr reported that the hall had flooded during the recent storms. On inspection it was found that the gutters right around the building need replacing and drains need to be cleared. Michael Visocchi Jnr is to dig down to find the drain and to try and unblock it. If this is not successful, then a Drain Company will have to be called to remedy the situation. Father Dijo thanked Michael and his son; Michael, for the work that was carried out to clear the hall after the flooding.

- 7. Reinstatement of the memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**

The memorial plaque for the deceased in St Anthony's is to be reinstated. Kaye Donaldson is to help organise the moving and installing of replacement plaques and to have approximately 40 names of deceased parishioners added.

- 8. Update of children's liturgy and catechism**

Angela Taylor reported that there were 2 candidates for Confirmation and 7 candidates for Reconciliation and First Communion.

3 to 7 children attend the children's liturgy on Sundays. The dates for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will be confirmed by Father Dijo after the new bishop has been confirmed.

9. Children's Christmas Party

Helen Flight reported that approximately £200 has been raised, so far, from the Smarties tubes. The date for the Children's Christmas Party has been confirmed as Friday 15th December 2023 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in St Fergus Church Hall. A list will be put up in both churches in November for the names of the children who are to attend – primary school age only. A list will also appear for donations of food for the party.

10. Update on Fund Raising

Geoff Bray reported that all but 2 numbers had now been sold for the 100 Club. The 100 Club is in the third session and a notice is to be put in the newsletter before the start of each new session.

Geoff is to undertake a stock-take of the bar in St Fergus Hall. After Geoff checks stock anything nearing its expiry date would be offered for reasonable donation

Nancy McCormack reported that the next Bingo evening in St Fergus Church Hall has been postponed until early in the New Year. Nancy also reported that she would like to arrange various fund raising events for the next year, September 23 to September 24, and a notice is to be placed in the newsletter to advertise suggestions to the parishioners.

11. Update on St Fergus church hall events

Bill Flight reported that Gallowshade Community are very keen to keep using the hall and had a successful Halloween party. The Hillcrest Youth group may be giving up their Friday night use of the hall and Gallowshade Community are keen to take this over for their own youth group.

12. Advent Planning

Father Dijo reported that it is proposed to have an Advent Preparation Retreat to be held on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 9.30am, for approximately 3hrs, in St Anthony's, Kirriemuir. There will be breaks with tea and coffee. Father Johnny is to conduct the Retreat.

13. A.O.C.B.

There will be Mass at 7.00pm in St Fergus on Monday 27th November 2023.

Father Dijo suggested that St Fergus Church could have a general clean once every two months. A rota would have to be made for dates and names of parishioners willing to help. It was suggested to start this at the beginning of the year.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.25pm with a prayer.