

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

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 December in St Fergus Church, Forfar

- 1. Bill Flight presided.  
Father Dijo opened the meeting with a prayer.**

### **Welcome and Attendance**

**Present:** Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Frances Hampton  
Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Anne Pender, Helen Flight,  
Anne-Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Angela Taylor, Kaye Donaldson  
Nancy McCormack, Zo Korabiowska-Smith, Marjory Hughes,  
Karolina Green

- 2. Apologies:**  
  
Deacon Bert Miller, Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Margaret McCauley

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 31 October 2023**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Update on church future repairs**

Bill Flight reported that he has posted a notice in the car park of St Fergus saying that the car park will be out of commission from Wednesday 06 December until Friday 15 December to allow for delivery of scaffolding and materials needed to commence the work to replace the sheeting on the roof of the church. A crane will be in the car park on Wednesday 13 December.

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

Michael Visocchi Snr reported that his son; Michael Visocchi Jnr, had worked to try and find the drain and to try and unblock it. However, Drain Busters were called in and managed to clear the pipe and gutters at a cost of £150. The work seems to have been a success.

### **Reinstatement of the memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**

It was also reported that Michael Visocchi Jnr would update and replace the memorial plaques in St Anthony's Church, Kirriemuir.

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

Angela Taylor reported that she and Karolina Green are happy with how things are progressing. Dates have been set which are 20 March 2024 for Reconciliation, 17 May 2024 for rehearsal of Confirmation and First Communion service and 19 May 2024 for Confirmation and First Communion.

- 8. Children's Christmas Party**

The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Friday 15 December from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in St Fergus Church Hall and Helen Flight reported that donations for the Christmas

Party amounted to £675. The food for the party will be purchased from this money and the tables would be set and the food served to the children. Tea and coffee will be served to the parents. Kaye Donaldson is to confirm the number of children attending from Kirriemuir. Geoff Bray was nominated and accepted to play Santa Claus.

## **9. Update on Fund Raising events**

Geoff Bray reported that the 100 Club is now into the fourth week of the new session.

A Bingo Night will take place on 09 February 2024 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church Hall. A box for donations for prizes will be placed at the back of St Fergus Church. Nancy McCormack is to advertise the event.

A multi-national food fest was suggested as a fund-raising event in the future to take place after mass.

A Burns Night was suggested for the end of January 2024 and numbers would be needed for food.

## **10. Update on St Fergus church hall events**

The Gallowshade Community continue to use the hall regularly and are keen to do more in the hall. The maximum number of persons for any event in the hall is 100. Geoff Bray offered to do a risk assessment of the hall. Any groups who wish to use the hall are ultimately responsible for any damage to the premises.

## **11. Christmas Services**

### **Sunday 24 December 2023, Christmas Eve**

Morning masses as usual – 9.15am in St Anthony's and 11.15am in St Fergus.

Carol Service in St Anthony's, Kirriemuir at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm  
Carol Service in St Fergus, Forfar 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8.00pm.

### **Monday 25 December 2023, Christmas Day**

Mass 9.15am in St Anthony's, 11.15am in St Fergus.

**Sunday 31 December 2023**, Adoration 7.00pm – 7.30pm in St Fergus, Forfar.

**Monday 01 January 2024** – Mass at 11.15am in St Fergus, Forfar

## **12. A.O.C.B.**

Father Dijo is to ask the choir about a date to visit Lochbank Nursing Home to sing to residents. Father Dijo is to contact Manager of Lochbank Nursing Home about the visit. It was reported that Zo Korabiowska-Smith is the first aider for the church. Geoff Bray is to correspond with Anne Pender regarding the readers list for Kirriemuir. Michael Visocchi thanked Geoff for his work on the newsletter.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday. 30 January 2024 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir.

### **Closing Prayer**

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.30pm with a prayer.