

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

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 February 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, Alan Draper,
Karolina Green, Margaret Mitchell, John Denneen,
Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Annmarie McNally

- 2. Apologies:**
Deacon Bert Miller, Margaret McCauley, Marjory Hughes

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 30th January 2024**
The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**
There were no matters arising.

- 5. Report on repairs to rented flat at St Anthony's**

John O'Meara, from the Diocese, is handling the work to the flat. The chimney is to be taken down and there are repairs needed to the roof of the flat and sacristy wall of the church. Damp has been detected on the roof, in the flat and the sacristy wall. The situation is being monitored. Scaffolding will be required to carry out the work. The work will cost approximately £8000.

- 6. Update on progress on guttering at St Anthony's Hall**

Michael Visocchi reported that he is to meet with the owner of the cherry picker on 28th February to arrange the work and get a quote for hiring of the cherry picker. It is hoped that the work will be started before the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

- 7. Update on memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**
Michael Visocchi reported that the work on the memorial plaque is progressing.

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

Angela Taylor reported Helen Flight has been accepted in the PVG checks and will start on 17th March with Angela. Nancy McCormack is awaiting the completion of her check. The children's liturgy and catechism are to restart on 17th March 2024. An advert announcing the start date is to be placed in the newsletter. It is hoped to run the children's liturgy and catechism once a month. The other dates are to follow.

Parents of the children involved for this year's Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are to be invited to a rehearsal for the 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation service on 12th March 2024. The 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation service is to be held on 20th March 2024 and the parents are to be included. The 2nd Sacrament of Reconciliation service is to be held on 17th May 2024. First Communion and Confirmation service is to be held on 19th May 2024.

There are seven children for Reconciliation and First Communion and two for Confirmation.

Father Dijo is not sure, at this moment in time, if the new bishop will be available to attend. Father Dijo is to approach to find out.

9. Report on Bingo Night on 16th February

Frances Hampton reported that this had been a great success and that £962 had been raised. Nancy McCormack thanked everyone who had made donations for the prizes.

10. Progress on defibrillator at St Fergus

Bill Flight reported that he is to meet with Tom O'Brien; Community Councillor, to establish where the defibrillator is to be installed. It is hoped to install it where it can be covered by CCTV. Bill is to speak to Gallowshade Community about training in the use of the equipment. The defibrillator is to be made available to everyone. The battery levels are to be checked one a month.

11. Update on Lent and Easter events.

Father Dijo reported that there was a change to the date of Confession and General Absolution in St Fergus, Forfar to Monday 25th March 2024 at 6.30pm. The original date of 27th March 2024 is the evening of the Chrism Mass in Dundee.

12. A.O.C.B.

Alan Draper reported that he was not able to receive the newsletter or reader rotas by email. A discussion took place about the computer system in place and John Denneen is to meet with Father Dijo and Bill Flight to go over the problems. Geoff Bray is to put a request in the newsletter requesting that parishioners give Father Dijo their current email addresses so that the database is up to date for those who receive the newsletter by email.

An item is to be placed in the newsletter advertising a Health Walk and to contact Angela Taylor if interested.

Kaye Donaldson is to speak to the list of volunteers regarding renewing their training.

A discussion took place about Communion and whether the wine would be re-introduced for the parishioners. Father Dijo reported that he will continue to only give Communion as covid is still present.

Nancy McCormack asked if there was a plan to re-introduced Eucharistic Ministers. A discussion took place and Father Dijo was willing to meeting with previous Eucharistic Ministers to discuss this. Kaye Donaldson advised that accepted individuals would all have to be PVG accepted.

Alan Draper suggested that the parish could present a gift to Father Neil Gallagher on his retirement. It is proposed to invite Father Neil to the 60th Anniversary of St Fergus Church and give him a presentation then.

Father Dijo reported that he had recently been to Fatima and suggested that a pilgrimage from the parish could happen in 2025.

Bill Flight reported that Castle Huntly had been in contact with him to offer support for any jobs that might be needing done. Bill is to speak to the Gallowshade Group to see what needs to be done.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 02 April 2024 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.10pm with a prayer.