

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

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir

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

### **Welcome and Attendance**

**Present:** Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Anne Pender, Helen Flight, Anne-Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Angela Taylor, Nancy McCormack, Zo Korabiowska-Smith, Alan Draper, John Denheen, Margaret McCauley, Elena Visocchi, Marjory Hughes,

- 2. Apologies:**

Deacon Bert Miller, Anne Cormie, Frances Hampton  
Martin Korabiowski-Smith

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

Michael Visocchi reported that the remedial work on the rented flat has now been carried out. The chimney has been removed and the gable end has been sorted. The inside of the flat has to be redecorated.

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

Michael Visocchi reported that he has not, as yet, managed to get a price for the work to be carried out. A channel has to be dug and the drain needs replacing.

- 7. Update on memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**

Michael Visocchi reported that the work on the memorial plaque is in hand.

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

Angela Taylor reported seven children had now taken part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation. There will be Children's Liturgy on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Father Dijo reported that he should know by the end of April whether the new Bishop would be able to attend for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May the Vigil Mass will take place in Kirriemuir.

- 9. Proposed World Nation Food Event in St Fergus**

A date for this event has still to be organised. It is hoped to have this event after 11.15 Mass in St Fergus. Nancy McCormack has offered to help organise this event. A notice will be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers and parishioners will be asked to bring their country's national food. Angela Taylor

suggested hymns and readings would be good to have from all the different nationalities.

**10. St Fergus 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary closing event – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Father Dijo reported that the new Bishop and Bishop Steven would be invited to the event along with Priests from nearby churches. At the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting ideas for the event will be discussed. A committee is to be set up to discuss and organise the presentation to Father Neil Gallagher.

**11. St Anthony's Day celebrations – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

The nine day novena will commence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be said every night in St Anthony's during the novena at 6.30pm. On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June the vigil mass will also be said in St Anthony's. A discussion will take place regarding celebrations for the event.

**12. St Fergus Church Hall possible refurbishment**

Gallowshade Community Council continue to use the hall and are bringing people towards hall events. Bill Flight reported that there was some finance available to get the toilets upgraded. He is to get a price for the job. A new building warrant would be needed for the proposed alteration. Marjory Hughes requested that the term "Disabled Toilet" be changed to read "Accessible Toilet".

**13. Progress on defibrillator at St Fergus**

Bill Flight reported he will get together with Gallowshade Community Council to decide where to position the defibrillator. Training sessions on how to use the defibrillator will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> April and nine names have so far been submitted. The training will take place in St Fergus Hall and Gallowshade Community Council are to cover the cost of the training.

**14. A.O.C.B.**

Alan Draper asked if both kinds of communion would be reinstated during the Mass. Father Dijo reported that, although the Diocese has removed the restrictions, he is still concerned about Covid. A discussion took place about the options available to do this. 1) Communion, 2) Communion and Wine, 3) Communion and intinction. It would be up to Father Dijo to decide. It would be the parishioner's personal choice of which form of Communion they would take if alternatives were offered.

Eucharistic Ministers would have to re-train and all would have to be PVG checked.

Geoff Bray reported that Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April will be the last Sunday of the current 100 Club session that £505 had been raised for the church.

John Denheen reported that there were still some issues with the computer system and emails going out. He is to meet with Father Dijo again to continue to resolve the issues. A notice will be placed in the newsletter to ask whether or not parishioners on email are receiving mail from Father Dijo.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church, Forfar.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.40pm with a prayer.