

Synopsis of Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting – April 2019

Welcome pack: It was agreed a pack should be formulated to include AGM report, planned giving/gift aid literature, information on schools, parish groups and organisations.

Fr Peter's Silver Jubilee (19th June) An outdoor mass will take place at 11am on Sunday, 16th June on the lawn behind the old Monastery. Parishioners will be invited to bring picnics and their own blankets/chairs etc. Drinks (at no charge) will be provided by the parish. A clean-up squad will be required to ensure all areas (lawn, grass area behind the parish centre, St Michael's hall and our hall, toilets etc) are left spotless with appropriate recycling etc undertaken.

Youth Provision

Fr Peter advised discussions to explore the facilitation of a hub for catecheses in this area of the Westminster Diocese were ongoing and involved education facilities together with the Diocesan Development Education Representative.

PPC Membership

A parish-wide committee had been mooted previously to streamline committee structures and reduce workload for clergy and reflection continued on how best to reflect the worshipping community.

Forward Planning

Ongoing development in the surrounding areas will impact demand in the locality while falling clergy numbers impose constraints that will need to be reviewed in order to facilitate appropriate shepherding.

Parish Centre Matters

St Michael's provide the chair for the WCC Committee this year and as previously noted there are issues with boilers which need replacing while a solution to the flooring issue is still being sought. The need for all users to follow hirer's guidelines and leave the facility appropriately clean and tidy was reiterated as failure to do so requires cleaners to provide a higher level of work than should be expected. All users must also ensure toilet facilities are adequately checked for cleanliness before departure from site.

Church building – update

Fr Peter advised that the side chapels would be redecorated in due course and all remaining paint would be stripped from stonework as an ongoing task. Longer-term there is a plan to replace the oil central heating with a more effective and cost efficient option. Slight modifications may also be made to the altar steps as the carpet is well worn and an alternative to replacement might provide a better option.

The gable work has been completed at SBW with central heating being installed to get rid of the damp.

Cardinals Walk will be closed briefly to facilitate the replacement of the top 6 courses of bricks on the wall on the boundary with No 3.

The stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel and windows to the sacristy will also be made more secure to minimise risk of burglary/damage.

Emergency lighting provision is being explored to provide an option both tasteful and practical but, as a listed building, any provision has to fit the setting. It should be noted, listed buildings are exempt from requirements but clearly they can be provided.

Social Matters

The Social Committee, benefitting enormously from the energy of its Chair, Debbie Hourihan, have a couple of events planned for later in the year following their most successful parish lunch for older parishioners and quiz night in aid of Across.