

Parish Pastoral Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Meeting 1

- Date of Meeting* 1. Thursday 6th October 2016 in the Presbytery. Opened at 19.30 with prayers and introductions.
- Present:* Fr. Philip, Eileen Tompkins, Julia Pearce, Tom O'Neill, Chris Hills, Mia Bernedo, Joseph Gargaro, Maria Harrington, Clea Harmer and Lawrence Fernee
- Next Meeting:* Thursday 12th January at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery, followed by Thursday 6th April.
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2. **Apologies** – Caroline Pung and Peter Brazier

3. **Previous meeting**

The minutes of the Introductory meeting were approved.
Item IV, First Communion Preparation, was in hand.
Item V had been addressed, hence the much enlarged attendance.
Item VI was brought forward.

4. **Fr. Philip's remarks**

Fr. Philip had received no formal handover when joining the parish, so the PPC is particularly important at present. The Parish Open Forum attendance indicated the need to have more parishioners involved. Fr. Philip would welcome opportunities to get to know more parishioners and at a deeper level, perhaps at social events.
The popularity of 'small groups' has declined, so something new is needed.

5. **PPC formation**

Fr. Philip will book the Clare Priory for Saturday 5th November, starting at 10.45.

ACTION 1.1 ALL to confirm attendance.

6. **Sacramental programmes**

a) First Communion

The programme was discussed. Fr. Philip will look in the Hall for the missing DVDs. He will be revising the programme.

A meeting with those interested in helping had been arranged for the following day.

b) Confirmation

Fr. Philip will discuss the programme with Gary Reid.

Those taking GCSEs may be confirmed at Easter. The other candidates are to be confirmed by the Bishop at the 10.30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

c) Adults to be received

There are currently two candidates with one sponsor. Two others have expressed an interest.

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7. **Advent and Christmas**

After discussion, it was agreed that:

a) There would be a Penitential Service at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th December.

b) The Christmas Mass times would generally remain unchanged, apart from the adults' Mass of the Night, which would be moved back to 9.30 pm.

c) The Boxing Day Mass would be at 10 am.

The Advent Adventure work was underway.

There will be an evening of recollection and commissioning for readers.

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8. Plans for 2017

The PPC meetings would be quarterly. The January meeting would focus on the schedule of charitable giving. The April meeting would focus on plans for the church centenary (2017-19).

9. AoB

Items discussed included:

- a) Lighting for the car park – this is already underway.
- b) A parish football team – Joe G to speak with Gary Reid (Julia P will make the initial contact).
- c) The Advent Giving Tree – Fr. P will speak to Elaine Obuchowicz about it.

10. Date of next meeting

See the 'header' text, above.

The meeting closed with prayers at 21.15.