

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 8th January 2024

1. Present:	Catherine Wloch (Chair), Fr. Sean Carroll, Fr. Jose Netto, Eileen Bonnar (Eucharistic Ministers and Readers), Angela Alvares (Folk Group), Daniela Bourke (Senior and Children's Choir), Siobhan Denny (Youth), Robert Nunn (CAFOD), Nichola McGeady (Guides and Brownies), Colin Frost (Finance and SVP), Harriet Plumb (Jubilee Trust), Yvonne Hillier (safeguarding), Zoe Elliott (Altar Servers)
2. Apologies received from:	Jenny Mascarenhas (Mothers Prayer Group), Gary Plumb (Scouts and Cubs), James Boyle (Seminarian), Ron Burchell (Parishioners Rep),
3. Welcome and prayer.	Fr. Jose opened the meeting with a prayer.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed off.	
5. Previous Actions: See below.	
6. Matters Arising: The discussions around ORCHYD using the facilities in the Hesdin Hall are ongoing. Will not take place at least until the ORCHYD holiday in 2025.	
<p>7. Christmas: Christmas services all went smoothly and well. Concern expressed about the overcrowding at the Childrens mass 6.30pm Christmas eve. Possible use of hall for overflow. Action: to be discussed at Sept meeting in preparation for Christmas 2024</p> <p>8. Easter: plans include - Stations of the Cross on Fridays organised by different groups, possible Lent talks, Penitential service in Holy Week, Polish food blessing and the usual Easter Tridium services with vigil Mass at 8pm.</p> <p>9. Updates from the groups</p> <p>Finance committee: The next Finance Committee Meeting is Scheduled for February.</p> <p>SVP: The donations from the Parish for the Food Bank continues. Food bank busier than ever</p> <p>Youth: All groups beginning next week after Christmas. Meeting of those volunteering as Red Caps to take place soon.</p> <p>Children and Adult Choir. 10am mass gap for 3rd and 5th Sunday still not fully resolved.</p> <p>Folk Group: ACTION Daniella agreed to assist Angela in sorting out the purchase of the piano.</p> <p>Catechetics: All programmes beginning again after Christmas.</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers/Readers All good over Christmas</p> <p>Guides and Brownies: Date to be set for Church parade in Feb</p> <p>CAFOD: Robert reported on march, Dec 9th before Cop 28. Justice and Peace network meeting Sat 27th Jan, and Lent Fast Day is on 23rd Feb with collection on the following Sunday. Gaza collection £1000 to CAFOD.</p>	

Jubilee Trust: There will be a Ceilidh on Sat March 16th. £1,200 has been donated to the Catholic Children's Society Mental Health Programme.

Altar Servers: three new servers were enrolled at Christmas, two more to be enrolled at Easter.

Fr. Sean

Very happy with the celebrations at Christmas and New Year. Disappointed no music for the feast of the Holy Family. Fr. Sean is still following up on the Volunteers and is hopeful that a Volunteer Coordinator can be engaged to help out.

The resurfacing (or repairs to surface) and the relining of the carpark is ongoing, and it is hoped to have this, and the barrier repair completed soon.

Boiler repairs carried out before Christmas but the radiators still need to be serviced.

An investigation as to whether there is RAAC in the hall has to be undertaken. Fr. Sean has rejected the Surveyors commissioned by the Diocese as they are far too expensive. Until this test has been completed, however the installation of Solar Panels cannot be done. Other necessary repairs are taking place around the church.

Fr Sean will review arrangements with Ruislip Appliances regarding the parking of their vans when the car park and barrier are dealt with.

Caritas vouchers of £400 were distributed to those in need through SVP, youth club and to those in need known to the parish.

Grant from Lottery is being applied for to employ Volunteer Coordinator for 15 hours a week.

The installation of overhead projectors, especially for family mass, and linking to sound system is being progressed.

Hopefully we will have a volunteers party after Easter to give thanks and acknowledge all that the volunteers do during the year.

9. AOB. None

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 12th February 2024.

The meeting closed with a prayer from Fr. Sean.

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ACTION Siobhan was asked to investigate all the costs involved in the purchase of a minibus and report to the next meeting.

Fr. Sean- The Altar Servers portal will be progressed along with the new website.

Fr. Sean - Discussions still ongoing re School and PTA Representatives.

Fr Sean and Daniela – identify a new minute taker.