



## **Participants**

Margaret Barnes (Chair), Eric Liddell (Vice Chair).

Fr Pat Smythe, Eddie Aitken, Alicja Dale, Peter Hughes, James Moreland, Joe Burns, Paul Mulligan, Julie Trumble, Clare Lees, Anne Waddington. Michael Emly, Marian Emly, Rose McCarthy.

The meeting opened with an opening prayer led by Fr. Pat .  
MB welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Fr Pats Golden Jubilee** was a great celebration. The Mass was lovely and it was great to see so many people there to help Fr Pat celebrate. Thanks was given to both schools for the beautiful singing. Fr Pat thanked all parties concerned for making it such a wonderful occasion.

## **ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY**

Fr Pat explained that work had been undertaken on the presbytery. Fr Pat spoke at all Masses at St Marys last weekend, further details will be in this week's bulletin. It was noted that the presbytery was being put to its fullest use at the present time.

## **LIVE SIMPLY AWARD AND MOVING FORWARD**

A huge vote of thanks was given to Joe for all his hard work. A meeting had taken place and discussions re: all we were doing with regard to the award.

A survey took place in all 3 Parishes, documents were put together, and items were selected from all the documentation to be sent to CAFOD. Over the next 12-18 months plans may change, other things may be added to it over time.

Fr Pat proposed that the document be submitted, all present formally agreed. It was noted that it needed to be embedded into the life of the Parish. The sub-committee to be key in promoting key issues for embedding. It needs to be a key point on the Pastoral Agenda for future Pastoral meetings.

Fr Pat outlined what else we can do from the ideas put forward at the meeting

- Living Simply
- Living in Solidarity
- Live Sustainably

Cathy has a list of good ideas re: actions. Simple ideas to be posted at back of church or put on bulletin on a monthly basis.

A quotation to raise the profile of Laudato Si to be used monthly on the 1st Sunday of each month. CAFOD materials and quotations available.

A 'Live Simply' board (backed in green) to be created at the back of each church.

A Live Simply prayer will be said instead of Angelus on the first Sunday of each month.

Ideas about 'Living Simply' to be shared with Parishioners. A short summary paragraph to be added to top of sheet.

There will be a rolling programme (each first Sunday) where Live Simply is made a focus of the Mass and a different aspect is highlighted each month, with Fr Pat preaching on Laudato Si & Live Simply. The cycle could be repeated throughout the year, then the survey repeated to see how far we have come.

A meeting of the Live Simply sub-committee will be held prior to first Sunday in October. Michael agreed to be Chair of 'Live Simply' sub-committee and will convene the meeting.

It was felt that we need to explain to parishioners what we are doing. Perhaps re-visit and give understanding of what we are doing and the results of the survey carried out.

### **MINUTES OF REFUGEE/ASYLUM SEEKERS 7.6.17**

Eric Liddell has drawn up a calendar of Interfaith events.

### **'THE WORLD ON OUR DOORSTEP'**

Duncan Stowe, Rose McCarthy and others have arranged a week of activities in Horsforth.

**TUES 10th - FRI 13<sup>th</sup> October** . Marquee and smaller tents will be erected at bottom of Town Street on Green. There will be an exhibition in large marquee and a programme events will be produced.

Rose McCarthy is providing sessions promoting awareness for schools am Wed and Thurs.

On Friday evening (6.30 - 9.30) there will be a social event in St Margaret's Church. Syrian food/music.

Fr Pat has put up posters have been put in all three churches. Help will be needed on the Friday evening and with art work to decorate area around Green. People need to contact Duncan Stowe to volunteer.

Rose to ask Angela about Taize music for event.

It was felt that the Parish should participate and help publish the event. Fr Pat has spoken at length to Duncan and Rose. St Marys will host an evening on behalf of the Catholic community on Wednesday 11.10.17 @ 7.00 - 8.30. 'The Lampedusa Cross' will be held in St Mary's and all our parish and the local churches will be invited to take part.

Margaret Barnes to speak to Margaret Shaw re: organising the evening and social.

Eric Liddell explained that he is currently hosting an asylum seeker. He is a very talented young man and plays the violin. Eric agreed to invite him along to the evening to speak to everyone and play the violin.

Following the evening another Refugee/Asylum Seeker sub-committee meeting will take place.

Peter Hughes announced that SM have re-accredited as a School of Sanctuary & HN are in the process. Phillip Stewardson to lead on 'School a sanctuary'.

It was agreed that the submission to CAFOD should be redrafted to include information relating to 'The World on our Doorstep'

### **CHRISTMAS IN OLK**

As per 2016. No Midnight Mass at SM.

It was noted that 11.00 am Mass will be cancelled @ St Mary's on Christmas Eve. Other churches as last year.

Local Church Christmas events to take place. Holy Name are still awaiting feedback from Parishioners.

St Mary's will hold their bacon butty morning as usual at the end of November with bacon/sausage butties and a cake stall. MB to discuss with SM parishioners.

It was agreed that, instead of three individual ones, there would be one raffle across OLK.

First prize £100

Parishioners to be asked to donate raffle prizes.

### **A.O.B**

#### **BULLETIN**

There has been discussion over the years re: size etc. Current format seems to be most cost effective. Steve designed current format. The bulletin items are passed on to Amanda from various people which she then prioritises in to an order of: Fr Pat, OLK, other local events, Diocese. (The Bishops secretary's email comes with instructions "items to be

>> included" and "other items to be included at PP discretion") Amanda will try and only leave things in for two weeks and give at least two weeks notice for events

There are times when she has asked the priest to announce an item if it has been missed at the Masses and asked Steve to include it on the webpage as an extra.

Amanda was thanked for her hard work in producing the bulletin.

It was agreed to keep the bulletin in its present format.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Thanks were given to Joe for all his hard work, but due to his re-location a new Parish Secretary is needed.

Margaret also asked if it would be possible for Assumption to send the same people 1 or 2 people to the Pastoral Council meetings, to ensure continuity. Margaret also needs contact details for these people.

Fr Pat recommended New Odyssey by Patrick Kingsley as a good read !

Rose distributed leaflets promoting a play 'Tanya' at the Carriage-works in Leeds. 7/8th November. (Experience of being in a detention centre. )

**Date and time of next meeting:** 24/01/18 7.30 @ Holy Name.

Alicia Dale gave her apologies for next meeting.

Fr Pat closed the meeting with a prayer.