

Our Lady of Kirkstall Parish Council - Wednesday March 4th, 2015

Present: Father Pat, Stephen Turnball, Paul Hurst, Phil Daly, Peter Dowson, Eddie Aitken, Alicja Dale, Tom Chigbo (Leeds Citizens), John Barnes, Josie Liddell

Apologies: Margaret Barnes

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Pat.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

Family Mass with a Difference ~ the next Mass will be on 21st March at St Mary's. It is felt that these Masses could be held once a term.

Pax Christi ~ Carol Burns spoke at each church about Pax Christi on World Peace Sunday in January.

East Timor Eight ~ they are now all permanently employed.

40 hours devotion ~ this was well attended throughout and it is hoped to repeat it next year

Day of Recollection ~ for OLK Eucharist Ministers/Readers will take place on Saturday 14th March at Holy Name Church and Hall. The guest speaker will be Father Richard Taylor.

Gospel Music Night ~ **postponed from Shrove Tuesday there** will be a similar event on Sunday 12th July at the Parish Feast to be hosted this year at St Mary's church. It is hoped that the ethnicity of the parish can be celebrated (maybe with foods from the different countries). There are 32 different nationalities in the Parish.

The Peter Trust ~ raised £3000 at Christmas with an additional £200 from the Crib Service offerings

The Angelus ~ it had been agreed to reintroduce saying this before each Mass on Sundays.

Offertory Prayer Intentions ~ a basket for written intentions to be taken to the altar at the Offertory has been successfully introduced at the Assumption. This practice will now be implemented at Holy Name and St Mary's. A message regarding this will be placed in the Bulletin.

Use of Social Media

Phil Daly spoke about the setting up of a Facebook account at Assumption. Other communication methods would still be retained and this was envisaged as an extra form of contact that might have special appeal for younger parishioners. This trial would take place at Assumption and if successful could be introduced to the other churches. Father Marc is keen to introduce a Twitter account for the parish, this is now operative at @OLK_Leeds

Leeds Citizens (Tom Chigbo)

Tom Chigbo explained the purpose of Leeds Citizens and put the question for discussion as to whether OLK parish should be participant. Citizens UK is a multi faith organisation that exists for two main reasons: To empower ordinary people in public life and to strengthen civil society. Several organisations, schools and parishes including the Catholic Diocese of Leeds and Leeds Trinity University have already joined Leeds Citizens as an alliance to make the city a better place. Their first aim was to have a listening campaign to build community relationships and identify some of the main issues faced by people in Leeds.

The main emerging themes were: Health & Care, Transport, Poverty, Community Facilities, and Litter. This listening campaign is ongoing.

If Our Lady of Kirkstall as a parish were to become involved it would have to decide before 7th July and pay for membership. If it was to be participant then the first step would be a listening campaign to discover the main (social) issues facing the parish community and to prioritise these for an action plan.

Parish Practice The Tablet Articles

This discussion was postponed as there was not enough time.
It will be added to the agenda of the next OLK PC Meeting.

OLK in the longer term

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No matters were raised

Date of the next meeting

May 20th 2015, at Holy Name Church Hall, 7.30pm