

Our Lady of Kirkstall Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2014

PRESENT

Fr Pat, Margaret Barnes, John Barnes, Liz Hopkinson, Margaret Jones, Norah Small, Susan Teggart, Patrick Cadogan, Theresa Todd, Kate Bates.

The meeting was opened with a short prayer.

APOLOGIES

Peter Dowson and Aiden Duffy.

LENTEN EVENTS

A Day of Recollection will be led by Fr Joe Smith, at Holy Name Church on the 15th March from 10.30am until 3.30pm. Invitations will be issued primarily to Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, but the day is open to all parishioners – space permitting

A series of meetings for gospel study during Lent will be led by Chris Jackson, at The Assumption of Our Lady Church, on Thursday mornings from 10.30am, starting on the 6th March 2014.

An open Emmaus Lunch “share a meal” will be arranged by the Assumption Cafod Group, on Saturday 29th March 2014, from 10am until 2pm in the Social Rooms.

The next Gospel Music Night will be on Shrove Tuesday 2015.

OLK FEAST Day

This year the OLK Feast will be hosted by The Assumption Church over the weekend of the 11th/13th July. The programme is still to be finalized, but ideas under consideration are;

An Evening with Marian Devotions and a Musical Social - (Friday?).

An Event for the elderly and infirm of the Parish – (Saturday?).

A Family/Child Brunch – (Sunday?).

EAST TIMORESE LIVING IN LEEDS

The eight young men, from East Timor, who were found to be living in squalid conditions in Leeds, have now been suitably re-housed and their situation is being monitored. Parishioners have been assisting them financially and with foodstuffs, bedding, warm clothing, and household equipment.

SYRIAN APPEAL

Holy Name Church hosted an appeal for Syria, made by a Syrian family who live in our Parish. The Council discussed whether St Mary's and The Assumption churches would invite the family to make an appeal there also. The respective church representatives are dealing with this matter.

OLK PARISH PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

There was a discussion on a closer working relationship among the three churches. Fr Pat issued a handout on the subject of pastoral development comprising selected articles from The Tablet weekly publication entitled *Parish Practice*, which might offer helpful ideas for future deliberation and action.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

14th May 2014 St Mary's Church Pastoral Committee

21st May 2014 Holy Name of Jesus Church Pastoral Committee

[Assumption Church Pastoral Meeting date is still to be arranged]

11th June 2014 OLK Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a prayer.