

## **OLK Parish Council Meeting** **Wednesday 30th January 2019**

**In Attendance** : Fr Pat Smythe, M Barnes, J Trumble, A Dale, E Liddell, P Hughes, E Aitken, A Waddington , S Teggart, T Todd

Meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Pat.

M Barnes welcomed all present and asked for apologies.

Apologies: J Morland, S Hayward, M Emily, M Emily.

C Lees had resigned due to bereavement.

### **1. Matters arising from last meeting.**

- Mass attendance, some discussion has taken place. It was felt that not much more could be done at this time & that further discussion should take place after Fr Pat's retirement and the appointment of a new Priest.
- Parish Christmas Raffle had again been a success. The generosity of prize givers was noted.
- Formal thanks were given to Su and Amanda for their organisation of the Christmas Trees. Thanks was also given to Theresa for suggesting the project. The host church of St Mary had looked spectacular; and also HN church when a selection of trees were displayed there. The effort unified the three churches of our Parish.

2. **DAY OF RECOLLECTION** 16th March. This will be given by Fr Tim Swinglehurst at Holy Name.

### **3. SCHOOL NEWS**

Fr Pat noted that morale is high amongst staff, and students and parents are happy.

**Reconciliation and First Communion** programmes to start soon. There is a meeting on 5th February at 3.30 in St Marys school, and at 5.30p.m in Holy Name school for parents of children making their First Reconciliation

Classes will begin Monday 25th February. First Confession will be made on the morning of Saturday 30th March.

First Communion - Preparation begins w/b 14th March, First Communion will be made on the morning of Sat June 15th.

The first meeting for the **Confirmation** programme has taken place. There will be full day sessions on two Saturdays and a residential retreat over a weekend. 36 Y7 students are participating.

The programme is fully staffed

Y6 will begin the programme in the Summer term.

Confirmation Date: 7th June 2019 @ St Marys, Bishop Marcus.

### **4. LIVE SIMPLY**

A Report written by Mike Emly on behalf of the LS subcommittee was distributed  
It is 2 years since the Live Simply project began and the Live Simply/Cafod group believe we now have enough evidence to get the Live Simply award.

It was recommended that another audit to be carried out. A copy of the suggested audit was distributed for comment – though the last two items are to be reviewed before the audit is undertaken.

It was agreed that audit would take place on March 2/3rd.

Results to be analysed to see if there has been any progress in our Parish community towards Living Simply. They will be discussed at the next PC meeting and evidence put forward asap so that we could gain the Award by the Summer. The Timetable was endorsed by all present.

## **5. REFUGEE HOMEWORK CLUB**

The club continues to support students. Thanks were given to St Mary's, for the funds raised at the coffee morning. Quilts, pillows and dried foods were purchased and given to the students at Christmas. Phone cards were also purchased, which allowed the students to contact their families at Christmas.

Links have been made with several schools to identify students who need help, it has often been difficult to get responses from (high) schools. The Local Authority have been contacted to help in identifying students in order to make them aware of the Homework club and the help on offer.

More recently one of the students has been moved across the city. Enquiries are being made by the Refugee Council representative as to why this has happened.

Fr Pat asked that details of the Homework Club and the work being carried out be passed to the Diocese for publication in the Diocesan Refugee Update.

Thanks were expressed to Julie Trumble, Eric Liddell and Barbara Pounder for their work with the club

## **6. JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Fr Pat will deliver a homily on Sunday 3rd Feb at St Marys and Assumption on 'Good News to the Poor', having preached it already at Holy Name the previous Sunday. Copies had been circulated to the PC members.

Joe Burns, with his links with Justice & Peace had suggested to Fr Pat that OLK might like to be involved with a 5 workshop sequence.

Mary Chinnery is already attending sessions, and will be able to update us with further information.

Several people have already said they are interested in participating.

All the Council present were in favour of following this up and getting more information. 12 people would be needed for each workshops

A possible target audience could also be sixth form colleges and LTU?

## **7. AOB**

- It was felt that Mass times needed to be reviewed. It was felt that this matter should be addressed once we were aware of the Bishop's plans for clergy appointments Our Lady of Kirkstall.
- Fr Pat explained that a formal Visitation by Bishop Marcus to the Parish of Our Lady of Kirkstall is scheduled for 2020 (date not as yet decided)

Fr Pat closed the meeting with a prayer

NEXT MEETING: June 12th at 7.30 in Holy Name Church Hall.