

OUR LADY OF KIRKSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October

Present: Margaret Barnes, Josie Liddell, Teresa Todd, Pat Cadogan, Paul Hurst, Pat Kirkby, Stephen Turnbull, Alicja Dale, Father Pat.

Apologies: Maureen Teed, Peter Dowson, Susan Teggart, Michael Emley, Aiden Duffy, John Barnes.

1. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Pat.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

1. **The Assumption Feast Day** was much appreciated. A letter had been sent to Peter Dowson to thank him & his team for all their work on such a splendid occasion. It was remarked that it was very sad that more people had not attended. A suggestion was made that we should have an annual Sacrament of the Sick Service, inviting all the Senior parishioners to partake as well. This is to be discussed at a later date
 2. **East Timor Eight**. An update was presented about the men. Seven are now in permanent employment and Fr Pat expressed his gratitude to all who had helped the men in any way.
 3. **OLK Feast Day 2015**. There had been discussions within the Pastoral Committee meetings about this. Technically we should be returning to the Abbey as it will be 5 years since our mass there. However, it was decided in each church that a return to the Abbey should be at a more special date e.g. the 10th anniversary of the founding of the parish Therefore the 2015 Feast Day will be hosted by St Mary's. Specific details will be worked out at a later date.
 4. The Prayer Intentions at Assumption are brought up in the Offertory Procession and laid at the foot of the Altar. It had also been considered leaving them at some other point in the Mass at the Lady Altar – inviting her intercession. This could be done at the other churches of OLK and is an item to be discussed at the next meeting.
 5. **The Gospel Evening 2015** will be on 10 March to avoid half term. All the parish schools are to be asked to take part.
 6. **'Family Mass with a Difference'** will be on 11 October. This will be held in SM main and KS2 halls and the format is for the children and parents to be welcomed and invited to participate in a variety of activities. These will be age specific and will involve painting, making musical shakers for use during Mass and other activities. The adults will be invited to write their hopes and dreams for their children. Some of these activities will be used at certain times in the mass as the children and adult offerings. Refreshments will be offered after the mass has ended. The organisers were thanked for their work.
 7. **The Assumption Social Club**. They have found a barman and are very grateful for his help.
 8. **Joint Christmas Concert**. This had been discussed but after further discussion it was decided to use the concert by The Leeds Guild of Singers as the basis for this. Their Concert will be a mixture of readings and carols and will be held at St Mary's on 14 December at 3 p.m. The other churches will be urged to come and readers sought from all the churches to make it more inclusive. The possibility of putting crib figures on show around the window sills in the church was discussed and will be done if there is sufficient support. This will need to be advertised in the Church bulletin. TT is to be the contact from Ass & ST will co-ordinate for St Mary's.
4. **Father Boniface**
Fr Boniface will be coming back in November for a series of Masses to be held in each of the constituent churches: **HN** on Monday 3rd, **Ass** on Tuesday 4th and **SM** on November

6th. Each mass will start at 7.30 p.m. and will be presided by Fr Boniface, with Fr Pat acting as assistant. The mass will be followed by refreshments in each of the church halls. The monies raised for Fr Boniface will be presented to him at each mass.

5. **Peter Trust.** Fr Pat was invited to make an appeal for the Peter Trust in all three churches.
4. **Pax Christi** A representative from Pax Christi will be invited to speak at all masses the 3rd Sunday in January on Peace Sunday and the organisation will be supported in other ways. e.g a fund-raising coffee morning.
5. **Parish Development.** A long discussion was held on the projects suggested by the Tablet articles and it was gratifying to note that many of the topics suggested were already underway in OLK.

Marriage preparation was identified as a need. Currently we have three couples who undertake to deliver Marriage Preparation. This is very burdensome and so more people are needed to help. Training is provided by the Diocese and the next set of training days are in November. MB to ask Rose &/or Bill McCarthy to speak at Mass to encourage people to get involved.

Welcoming booklet. This had been discussed at the last meeting but no progress had been made. Each church was to provide a potted history of their church and current information to help visitors/new parishioners. **This is to be completed by January.**

Noise in church. Comments were also made about silence in Church, which is something of a problem especially before Mass begins. As a way of drawing the congregation together, it was agreed to reintroduce the Angelus at the start of Mass in all three churches. There would also be a period of silence at the end of Holy Communion once the hymn had finished.

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Chris Jackson has offered a further series of **Bible study meetings.** The theme would be 'The Pauline epistles' commencing on 6th November for six sessions. Further details to be published in the Bulletin.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr Pat.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 21st January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at The Assumption.