

**Church of Holy Name Pastoral Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Present:** Fr Pat, Anne Waddington, Paul Hurst, Tom Jenkinson, David Wilkinson, Ann Philpott, Philip Stewardson, Anne Stewardson, Fr Marc Homsey, Josie Liddell

**Apologies:** Sr. Bernadette Holmes, Pat Cadogan.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

Confirmation ~ Bishop Marcus confirmed 35 candidates on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Marcus had photos taken with individual candidates and his time spent with the families was well received.

Parish Feast ~ Postponed until October 10<sup>th</sup> (see main agenda).

**Main Agenda**

**1. Update from Holy Name School**

Philip Stewardson reported on the progress being made to take the school out of 'special measures'. The Executive Head, Mr P Hughes has been able to reduce the amount of time he spends in school to 50%. The IEB board are happy with the strong leadership team comprising Mr Molyneux, Mrs Hurley and Mr Stewardson.

The HMI inspection in May went very well. This inspection can assess as either adequate progress or inadequate progress. The inspector made the judgement of adequate progress but expressed the opinion that the school could be taken out of special measures such was the improvement made. The Section 48 (RE) Inspection took place and the judgement that the school is good also reflects the progress made.

On August 1<sup>st</sup> the school became an Academy and is now part of the St Mary's Menston cluster group. As most pupils transfer to Cardinal Heenan High School the school will benefit from being in two different cluster groups.

The new media suite upgrade is almost finished and the old laptops will be cleaned and offered to children with computer at home. If children still have difficulty accessing the internet a computer club may be set up.

There are two new members of staff in Year 1 and Year 3. As Head of RE Philip Stewardson will be involved with the children making their First Holy Communion in 2016

**Matters arising concerning Holy Name School**

Altar Servers will be recruited from Years 4 and 5.

The SVP have close links with school which will be extended through the Mini Vinnies and School Council.

Some concern was expressed about the content of the Christmas plays. It was felt that in recent years the Christmas story has been rather sidelined.

**2. Plants and Chairs on Sanctuary**

Fr Pat had quite a few replies to his enquiry as to the future of the potted plants on the altar. He felt that he needed more time to gather people's views before a final decision was made. Anne Stewardson offered to re-pot the plants.

### **3. Parish Feast**

The postponed Parish feast will now take place on October 10<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals are underway. The Mass at St Mary's will also be a vigil Mass for Sunday. As the SVP made collections on the scheduled weekend of the parish feast they will not be repeating this but they will take the opportunity to promote their cause. Steve Bates is producing a flier to be given out before the event.

### **4. Response to Refugee Crisis**

Father Pat pointed out that the National response was not always useful to those who wish to help. In brief Leeds is a city of sanctuary and there are already organisations responding to the crisis. These include the SVP, Leeds City Council, the Diocese of Leeds and several NGOs. It is hoped they will be galvanised to work co-operatively. The first refugees are expected to arrive at the beginning of October

The main response needs to include

1. Funds to go to local organisations rather than to national charities.
2. Food collection ~ non perishables
3. Volunteering ~ more help is needed at a local level
4. We can come together as a Parish to focus on these issues at the Parish Feast.

The OLK Parish Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September will also discuss this issue further.

### **5. Group Reports**

Several groups had nothing to report because of the summer holidays.

**Adel Ladies** ~ meet monthly. They are now primarily a social group of remaining members and are struggling to fund raise or actively support parish events because of the age of its members.

**Readers** ~ there has been one departure but also a new volunteer

**Lent Day of Recollection 2016** ~ this will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> led by Sister Margaret Atkins. It will be based on Laudate Si.

### **AOB**

Pat Cadogan tendered his resignation

### **Proclaim 15**

This will be dealt with at a later date. It refers to Cardinal Vincent Nichols key evangelisation initiative to support, inspire and encourage new expressions of parish evangelisation and develop Catholic joy and missionary outreach.

### **Year of Mercy**

This will be the theme for 2016

**Reps for OLK PC** ~ Wednesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 30 at St Mary's

Anne Waddington, Josie Liddell, David Wilkinson who volunteered Matt Henderson of the SVP Support Centre, York Road

**Date of Next Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**The meeting finished with a prayer**