

Pastoral Council Minutes 8th March 2018

Present: Fr Paul Strain, Ann D'Arcy, Catherine Gillespie (Secretary), Brendan Dowd, Pauline Dowd, Nora Byrne, Carol McLaughlin, Brian Shannon, Aidan Donaldson(Chair),

Apologies: Maire Hughes, Aideen D'Arcy

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Prayer
2. Correspondence
3. Minutes and Matters arising from minutes
4. Fr Paul's Report
5. WMOF 2018
6. Film and photographic exhibition on homelessness
7. Vision for the Future update
8. AOB
9. Date and time of next meeting

Discussions and points of action

1. Welcome:

- 1.1. Nora opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Correspondence: NONE

3. Minutes and matters arising from minutes

3.1. matters arising:

- Dates confirmed for WMOF: 26th August
- Lough Derg 20th May
- Youth ministry: St John Bosco programme has successfully been completed. Participants will help with Stations of the Cross.
- Constitution: query regarding whether constitution was sent to Diocesan office: **ACTION: Aidan to check.**
- Advertisement for new members to join PC: **ACTION: Aidan to post in bulletin next weekend.**

- 3.2 Minutes agreed and posted to website 9/2/18 (date amended on top)

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4. Fr Paul's report:

4.1 upcoming events:

- Mother's day, St Patricks Day, Holy Week and Easter
- 2 daily Masses to resume after Easter.
- 2nd June 8pm: Cappella Caeciliana fundraising event. St Therese Church.

5. WMOF 2018

- 5.1.1 Last Sunday saw a celebration of Mothers and Carers with a reflection from Dr Ciaran Neeson
- 5.1.2 Easter Water and blessing to be presented to families after the Easter Vigil Masses and Easter Sunday Masses
- 5.1.3 Despite some ambiguity around tickets for the WMOF event the parish has provisionally booked 2x57 seater coaches.
- 5.1.4 Amoris programme: will go ahead as planned on 17th April. **ACTION: Fr Paul to invite other parishes in the vicariate.**
- 5.1.5 Amoris Laetitia: next meeting **ACTION: Chapter 5 Brendan.**
- 5.1.6 Apostolic Work and Development World Group: 'Celebrate as One Global family' on Mothering Sunday. Contributions to a food bank will be made in each church.

Assistance required in St Therese: **ACTION: Ann (10.30am) and Brendan (12noon)**

It was agreed a symbolic offering of the food bank be incorporated into the Offertory Progression. We will consider this in the future.

6. Film and photographic exhibition on homelessness

- 6.1 Film: 'Still Somebody' (10mins)
- 6.2 Exhibition: Zymon's journey from Darkness to Light.
- 6.3 Glenveigh Special school to provide hospitality (12noon: Thursday 19th)
- 6.4 Dates proposed and agreed: **19th – 22nd April** HF gathering space. Audience: schools and parishioners welcome.

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6.5 ACTION: Aidan (flyers, bulletin notice)

7. Vision for the future (VFF)

7.1 Drafting subgroup to complete document: ACTION: Ann, Aideen, Fr Paul, Pauline, Nora (Wednesday 14th March: 3-5pm)

7.2 Proposed and agreed that this version be circulated a few days before VFF meeting.

7.3 VFF meeting: Thursday 22nd March 5-7pm

7.3.1 Laptop/projector to be organised ACTION: Fr Paul

8. AOB – none

Dates for all PC members:

Vision for the Future: Thursday 22nd March 5-7pm

PC meeting Thursday 12th April 2018 7pm.