**ST. ANTHONY’S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Notes from meeting held on**

**Friday 1st March 2019**

**17.30 – 18.30**

Present: *Fr John, Linda Stewart, Philomena Walton, Barbara Parker, David Rowson, Paul Duffy, Ken Corio, Rosalyn Maple, Clement Periera*

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| 16/17.109 | Opening Prayer: Fr John | Action |
| 16/17.110 | Apologies: Ken Corio, Barry O’Brien, Deacon Nick Johnson, Jon & Anna Boon, |  |
| 16/17.111 | * **Minutes of previous meeting agreed – No change** |  |
|  | * **Matters arising** - None |  |
| 16/17.112 | * ***Pastoral Care***   Attendance- Monitoring of transition to one Mass being carried out by Bill Brown who will present to Finance Committee. Currently 90-136 in attendance at present which is very encouraging.  Mass Time Survey – Over the last couple of weeks this survey presented to all parishioners as promised. Results:  43 – 5pm  12 – 5.30pm  21 – No preference  The result of Mass time remaining at the same time of 5pm will be  published in the newsletter and notices put around the church and hall.    Children – We have failed to get enough support from parents to start a Children’s Liturgy so will we put this idea on the back burner for the time being. Very complicated to start up as parents would have to be DBS checked etc. However, it is our intention to get the children involved assisting at Mass, whether it be taking up the Offertory Gifts, collecting money or involved in the Bidding prayers. Chairman will speak to a couple of ladies who may like to get involved.  We have already started encouraging children to bring up the Offertory Gifts but much more is required in order to keep them involved.  Each week we do print children’s sheets for the young children. Will speak to welcomer’s and try distribute with newsletter.  Lent - Fr Patrick Crystal will cover Ash Wednesday Mass here at St Anthony’s. Thursday mornings confession will take place through Lent.  Alpha Course – The second course is taking place and being held at St Mary’s. Wonderful news that from the first course there is one person going through the RCIA.  Stations of the Cross will be held on a Wednesday evening at 7pm during Lent.  Housegroups, 5 sessions in all, together with CTB, will take place in 6 homes. Details on the noticeboard.  Lenten Lunches at St John’s Church each Wednesday. St Anthony’s take their turn on 27th March 2019.  The Bishop is coming to Dorset and will celebrating a Deanery Mass at Dorchester in the Holy Trinity Church at 7pm Tuesday 9th April.  Chrism Mass at Plymouth – Coach will be leaving from St Mary’s. A list will be put out for parishioners to add their names. No charge as such, buy a small donation would be greatly appreciated to cover driver expenses.  This year we have 2 adults being baptized, 4 First Holy Communion candidates and 3 young people being Confirmed.  Easter Triduum will be held at St Mary’s as usual. Our Pascal Candle will be lit at the Easter Vigil Mass and brought to St Anthony’s.  Holy Hour – will take place on two Fridays during Lent.  **Diamond Jubilee** **Update –** Two events have taken place so far. Line Dancing in January raised £424 in total. Good food on offer. The second was the Valentine’s making and buying cake event. £450 raised.  It is great to see the parish community coming together. Next event will be in March, the Quiz + Lenten Supper – tickets selling now.  We are also working on the April Potting event. We will supply pots compost and flowers for a donation of £5 per family pot. Flags for children to colour.  All funds raised will go towards decorating the hall, kitchen replacement and chairs replacement.  A Jubilee Fund Collection will go ahead in 2 sessions. One around the Bishop’s visit on 13th May 2019, the other later in the year. Bill Brown has done a lot of work organizing this, so our thanks go to him.  Jo Boyce will be with us the weekend before the Bishop’s visit to add some musical cheer to our weekend Mass.  Bishop Mark has very kindly offered to answer some questions. These questions will be vetted so that there is nothing too contentious. Questions presented as an interview, depending on numbers whether we stand or sit. We are confident that the Bishop has ideas about going forward.  Missio ‘Red Box’ Collections - The Jubilee committee would like to encourage more contributions through the ‘red box’ scheme to the missions. We have a small number in place but hope that this could be increased. Fr John to choose a date which will suit him, to rest or go on holiday, as a priest from the Missio organisation will cover his church Masses. Fr John would prefer later in the year.  Concert with Choir – Sunday 22 December 2019 – 20 persons in choir. Will be a repertoire of carols and songs.  **Presbytery** –After a meeting with Canon John Deeney, who heads the Caritas Group in Plymouth, it was agreed that without a diocesan structure in place it was too soon to accommodate refugees. Suggested that we go ahead and let out the presbytery short term, say 12 months.  And, that we could handle ourselves. Goadsby visited as they have a presbytery at the URC on their books.  It was agreed to advertise in the newsletter giving our own parishioners an opportunity to come forward prior to going outside. |  |
| 17/17.113 | **AOB –**  The Chairman advised Philomena will be retiring at the end of May. No  replacement envisaged and will be covered by the office at St Mary’s.  The PPC are now looking for a minutes secretary. |  |
| 16/17.114 | **Next meeting** –  Friday 14 June 2019 at 5.30pm |  |
| 16/17.115 | **Closing prayer** – Fr John |  |

Meeting closed at: 18.30

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