

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
15th January 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen (CC), Denise Hardman (DH), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Carole McCann (CMC), Ken Wedderburn (KW), Ann Lyth (AL), Joan Bleackley (JB), Collette McAndry (CM), Paul Kirrane (PK) Ann Dennison (AD)

Apologies : Angela Dennehey

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November 2018 were read, signed and accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

4.1 Christmas masses – JB reported on the number of communicants at the 4 masses. The childrens' mass was very busy as usual; midnight mass numbers were up compared to a previous fall in numbers. Many compliments were received on the tree and its new decorations, also the new banners. Thanks to PK for organising the tree delivery and removal.

4.2 Eucharistic Ministers are needed for 9am mass Action: **FP to recruit**

4.3 Two parishioners require home visits regularly

4.4 The cassock cupboard and all of the cassocks have been cleaned by Mary Erb

4.5 Twenty new copies of the Laudate hymn books purchased. They need covering to protect them

Action: DL

4.6 First wedding of 2019 is February 9th at 1pm

4.7 2018 saw 57 baptisms and over 20 funerals. Three funerals already in January and three more planned.

4.8 First Forgiveness - Wednesday 13th February. Non-Catholic school children meeting on 30th January
Parents of First Forgiveness children Tuesday 19th February – but this is half term???Check

5. YOUTH

There are 19 confirmation candidates this year. The provisional date for confirmation is 9th July.

Two girls want to help at the Hospice Memorial Service on Sunday 20th January, others will help at the Seniors party.

6. SAFE GUARDING

CMC is still working through those who need their DBS to be renewed.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

7.1 CC reported on cards for Prisoners (Action by Christians against torture) signed in December over two weekends, 77 cards were posted and £107.42 was sent to ACAT from the postage donations. CC suggested limiting the signing to one weekend next time.

7.2 Recycling – old & broken jewellery is wanted by CAFOD. Ink cartridges are wanted by the SVP

7.3 Next J&P meeting February 12th in hall.

8. LPA/DEANERY

Next meeting is January 16th

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 The exit gate has been adjusted, thanks to Matt for that and fixing the dangling light and the lock on the lady's toilet in the hall.

9.2 An electric fire in the house has been replaced

9.3 One of the church heaters is leaking and the disabled toilet in church is also leaking. **Action: FP**

10. PARISH HALL

- 10.1 McQuillans still need to be contacted regarding service of the radiators and boiler. **Action: FP**
- 10.2 Tables and chairs used recently in the hall need to be returned to the cellar
- 10.3 New crockery needs to be purchased to replace broken items **Action: CM**

11. ECUMENISM

DH reported on the CTHG meeting on January 10th. Minutes are available in the office. Next meeting March 14th at St Catherine's.

- 11.1 Lenten study is proposed for week commencing March 10th with Monday 7.30pm session at Brown Lane and Tuesday 2pm session here.
- 11.2 Carols around the tree raised £545, Heald Grove Brass band played.

12. SOCIALS

- 12.1 The New Year's Eve Family Party was well attended and enjoyed by all. £220 was raised.
- 12.2 Senior Citizens Party Saturday 2nd February starting at 2pm. A list will be displayed in the porch for names to be added. Preparations start 10.30am. **Action: RH to contact Two Blues Band**
- 12.3 A summer BBQ was proposed. Provisional date July 13th.

13. FUND RAISING

- 13.1 Christmas Fair total was £1800 with 50% to go to St Ann's Hospice **Action: FP to send cheque**
- 13.2 A defibrillator for Christ Church and the area was discussed. **Action: CMC to investigate**
- 13.3 Parish Draw for January 1st No. 83 Mary Connery £70, 2nd No. 137 Beathen Hopkins £12

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

- 14.1 Organising a pilgrimage was discussed, possibly for the parish anniversary in 2020. A subcommittee of FP, CC, PK and DH will discuss options. **Action: Pilgrimage subcommittee**
- 14.2 Banners were suggested for the parish anniversary, potentially with fabric from old vestments. **Action: CB/RH**

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th February at 7pm

The meeting ended with a prayer