

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Present:** Jo Shepherd, Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, Flo Nilsson, Hilda Dixon, Robert Wilson, Cristina Nardini, John Hawthorne, Ged Downey, Ewa Posner, Adelaide Emmerson, Marie Miller.

**1. Opening prayer**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Susan Stoddart

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Tyne and Wear Citizens.** Henry Box gave an explanation of Citizens UK, an organisation of bodies, not council or government led, which aim to improve social conditions. Tyne and Wear UK aim to support the living wage, mental health provision and safer streets. There would be a joining fee of £700 which provides training. After discussion it was agreed to explore this further and give further information to the parish for feedback.

**5. Partnership/ Diocesan reports:** Partnership bulletin to be available next weekend. Confirmations will take place in the north and the south of the parishes alternately.

John Hawthorne was elected as chair of the spirituality group.

Spirituality group will renew the ALPHA course, introduce prayer group leaders using “Come to the Well” and the sharing of prayers and readings.

A Day of Reflection for Eucharistic ministers and readers on 9<sup>th</sup> June with a similar session for younger readers.

**6. Parish Activities:**

**a) Spiritual** In response to a member’s question, an explanation of the St Oswald’s service at the hospice was given by Ged.

“Art of Accompaniment” discussion agreed to hold a meeting after Easter about becoming an accompanying parish.

Lent course “The Last Seven Words of Jesus.”.

**b) Youth** A postponed meeting for young people in peer to peer ministry to be held 25<sup>th</sup> March. Youth Conference takes place 12<sup>th</sup> May for anyone involved in work with young people. Website has detailed information. One member of the partnership from our parish has received the gold John Paul award. 120 young people took part.

A new award “Faith in Action” is to be introduced for older primary age children. A coordinator is needed.

**c) Future events** There will be a Parish Passover for the Partnership.

MASH holding a celebration Mass here.

**6. Diocesan Wide Communications** explanation of Council of Laity.

**7. Any other relevant business:** Mid November there is to be an “open church to the poor and needy”. To be discussed next meeting.

**8. Date of next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 11.00a.m.

**9. Closing prayer.**