

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
12th Nov 2017

Present: Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, Flo Nilsson, Hilda Dixon, Marie Miller.

1. Opening prayer followed by introduction to Robert Wilson who is representing the Finance Committee in place of Sheila.

2. Apologies for absence: John Hawthorne, Ged Downey, Ewa Posner, Susan Stoddart, Adelaide Emmerson

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 4th Sept 2017 were accepted as a true record.

4. Partnership/ Diocesan reports: A Partnership bulletin is being produced for the 1st Sunday of Advent. Subgroups have been formed for the spiritual and youth groups.

Spiritual group meeting is forming ideas for a clear Mission Statement.

Fr Jim was thanked for taking up the Chair on the Partnership Spirituality Group.

Another parish's website was discussed and it was requested that parish bulletins be archived.

Members were asked to take part in the Diocesan-wide survey.

5. Parish Activities:

a)Spiritual The Harvest Festival went well and an article will appear in the "Northern Cross." Items were taken to SVP, People's Kitchen and West End foodbank.

Advent course entitled "Be Prepared" spiritually. In January the course will be based on "The Art of Accompaniment" - the kind of Parish the Church needs today.

Lent course "The Last Seven Words of Jesus." There will be a Parish Passover for the Partnership.

b)Youth First Communion preparations are ongoing. Confirmation preparations are about to begin. Youth Sunday in 2 weeks time involving a Partnership initiative.

c)Future events A number of services mentioned in the bulletin including Bereavement Service, Blue Christmas Service at Blyth.

Young members of the Partnership will be making banners in preparation for Lent.

6. Any other relevant business: A request made from a parishioner for a donation to the CLIC Sergeant carol service was agreed in principle and will be referred to the Finance Committee.

7. Date of next meeting 7th Jan 2018 11.00a.m.

8. Closing prayer.