

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

**Present:** Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, Monica Jackson, Flo Nilsson, Adelaide Emmerson, Ged Downey, Cristina Nardini, Ewa Posner, Tomas Posner, John Hawthorne, Marie Miller.

**1. Opening prayer**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Sheila Cunningham, Susan Stoddart.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Partnership/ Diocesan Matters :** The Council of Laity may be reviewed once the partnerships are up and running.

Rose Green from the parish is now on the Youth Council.

The Partnership will not amalgamate parishes, but will work as a group. However should a priest leave then that parish will be covered by the remaining clergy.

Spirituality and Youth meeting being held 13<sup>th</sup> July. It was suggested that youth membership be represented at PPC meetings.

GD is setting up a mailing list which does not appear as spam and will send messages to a large number of people while keeping email addresses private.

There is a Partnership page on the parish website and a list of members of the development group will be on display on the noticeboard.

**5. Parish Activities: Spiritual** “Life in the Spirit” was well attended including some people from the Partnership. Another programme will begin in Sept. Two Quiet days were also attended by other parishes and more may be organised. “Discernment in Everyday Life” programme has finished.

“The Divine Dance” is the next programme for the Wednesday evening book group.

Ecumenical Study group involving all Gosforth churches has taken place.

**Youth YMT** projects are ongoing, a successful conference has been held at Newcastle and future events are on the Diocesan website.

**Future events** A joint Harvest Festival Mass Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 11.00 followed by a social event.

Christmas Carol service 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

A Blue Christmas service has been proposed and will be suggested to the Partnership group.

In November the parish will hold its annual Bereavement Service.

**6. Any other relevant business:** Attention was drawn to the problem of a crossing patrol near St Oswald’s school and a request was made for a contribution from the Centenary fund to help support this. The idea was approved but will have to be referred to the Finance Committee to check whether such a donation falls within its remit.

The parish has supported meals for over 100 people by giving tokens to be used in the Grainger Deli.

The Toddler group raised over £1000 for Daft as a Brush by holding a sponsored toddle.

Monica Jackson is stepping down from the PPC and thanks were paid to her for all the work she has done in the parish. Hilda Dixon will replace her at the PPC and MJ paid tribute to the work Hilda does in the parish.

**7. Date of next meeting** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 11.00a.m.

**8. Closing prayer.**