

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
3rd March 2019

Present: Jo Shepherd, Fr Jim Dunne, Flo Nilsson, Ewa Posner, Susan Stoddart, Hilda Dixon, Robert Wilson, Cristina Nardini, Ged Downey, Marie Miller.

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies for absence: John Hawthorne, Adelaide Emmerson

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 6th Jan 2019 were accepted as a true record.

4. Partnership/ Diocesan reports: Partnership Day 16th March is open to all parishioners.

Clergy meeting with new bishop in a few weeks' time.

FLAME – young people from the Partnership attended, 890 in total from the diocese. Youth Ministry team and Fr Dermott felt it went very well.

5. Parish Activities:

a) Spiritual Passover meal 16th April. There is space for 39 people and some from St Aidan's parish are interested in attending. GIFT will be following a Lenten programme. People have been bringing up questions about their faith for discussion as well as news articles.

b) Youth Children have made the Lenten food appeal and are taking part in it. Others sang at Mass. Year 6 children from St Oswald's, who are involved with Faith in Action, will be coming during Lent to explain what they do.

c) Future events New bishop, Robert Byrne, will be coming to meet parishioners on 2nd July. Easter Sunday events are being organised. The Lenten Appeal has been launched. Lenten lunches begin 13th March, the first one being held in our parish. St Oswald Hospice service at 4.0pm. Stations of the Cross and Benediction services taking place during Lent as in the bulletin.

6. Any other relevant business: Safeguarding. 60 people need to be checked for renewal so a pilot drop-in is being held here for one evening, Tuesday 30th April, and one morning after Mass, Wednesday 1st May.

POSH. Another success and there will be money available to invest in the church. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended and an item has appeared in the Northern Cross.

“Walk With Me” booklets are available for all parishioners.

Ewa mentioned a Eucharistic Minister course and will need to see Fr. Jim about it.

Thanks were made to Jo and Gerard for helping with the Lenten Appeal.

7. Date of next meeting 5th May 2019 at 11.00a.m.

8. Closing prayer.