

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2019

**Present:** Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne, Hilda Dixon, Robert Wilson, Ged Downey, Marie Miller.

**1. Opening prayer**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Flo Nilsson, Cristina Nardini, Susan Stoddart, Adelaide Emmerson

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Partnership/ Diocesan reports:** A meeting had been held with Diocesan rep about DATA protection and is satisfactory. RW discussed a circular to be completed about use of IT hardware. Discussion of uses of properties in the Partnership. Sacred Heart is well used by all members of the local community. Partnerships are under review, as was planned from the outset. GD and others were thanked for the work they had put in during the initial process.

**5. Parish Activities:**

**a) Spiritual** Discussion about Prayer sponsorship for Confirmation candidates. GIFT is going well following Richard Rohr. The theology group at New Hartley was oversubscribed and is doing very well.

**b) Youth** Faith in Action has been extended into the high schools.

**c) Future events** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Lead Kindly Light bereavement service at Sacred Heart  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Mass with the Bishop at St Pauls  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec Blue Christmas service at Blyth  
Christmas Eve Masses 5.30 for pm and 7.30 for 8.00pm.

**6. Any other relevant business:**

Thanks paid to Hilda, Flo and all those involved in work to make the Harvest Festival so successful and especially to the school for providing the items which went to food banks and the refugee centre.

Thanks also to those who ran the Macmillan coffee morning.

Discussion of back packs for Mary's Meals. This will be introduced on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Nov and will be launched by young people on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Youth Sunday.

Discussion Weetslade house service every Tuesday for which the residents are very grateful.

Discussion of celebrating children's birthdays is ongoing.

**7. Date of next meeting** 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 at 11.00a.m.

**8. Closing prayer.**