

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

**Present:** Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne, Hilda Dixon, Robert Wilson, Flo Nilsson, Susan Stoddart, Marie Miller.

**1. Opening prayer**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Ged Downey, Cristina Nardini, Adelaide Emmerson.

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

**4. Partnership/ Diocesan reports:** A new Episcopal vicar has been appointed to the Partnership, along with a new team whose brief will be to look at the shape of the Diocese. There is a Partnership meeting later in January.

The property review has been suspended.

The Diocese safeguarding department is tightening up its policies and new security keys are needed for the hall.

**5. Parish Activities:**

**a) Spiritual GIFT** will restart the final chapters of the Richard Rohr book “Simplicity in January after temporary suspension for the group to focus on the diocesan course for Advent. Ged requested “Walk with me for Lent” booklets for parishioners to lead into the Year of the Word.

Thanks paid to the McTernan family, especially the children, who have organised the backpacks for Mary’s Meals. 50 packs have been collected and about £1000 donated.

Marie asked about a Lenten food collection as last year and will contact the primary school to query their involvement.

**b) Youth Confirmations** – candidates attended the “Source” in December and will attend the next one. Some of them are also attending the Confirmation resource at the Youth Village on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

It would be supportive if parishioners attend the Confirmations on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Hilda consented to arranging catering.

We are fortunate to have a good proportion of school age readers at Masses, 21 out of 57 readers.

**c) Future events** Parish Passover will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**6. Any other relevant business:** Thanks paid to Adelaide who has had to relinquish running the Children’s Liturgy.

Thanks were paid to everyone who helped with Christmas services social events.

Thanks also to Monica Jackson who has retired from running the toddler group for more than 20 years.

**7. Date of next meeting** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 11.00a.m.

**8. Closing prayer.**