

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
6th Jan 2019

Present: Jo Shepherd, Fr Jim Dunne, John Hawthorne, Cristina Nardini, Ged Downey, Adelaide Emmerson, Susan Stoddart, Flo Nilsson, Marie Miller.

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies for absence: Hilda Dixon, Robert Wilson, Ewa Posner.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 4th Nov 2018 were accepted as a true record.

4. Partnership/ Diocesan reports: The present Spirituality network is being dissolved and reorganised within the Diocese. Thanks were offered to Flo Nilsson who has contributed a great deal to this network over the years. Mission statement prayer day 16th March.

Fr Jim has written a piece about the Seaton Delaval Partnership and this can be found on the Partnership section of the Diocesan website. There is to be a review of the Partnerships in the summer.

Blue Christmas Service 16th Dec at Cramlington – leaflets were taken away for reflection and in the congregation were some people to give support if needed.

5. Parish Activities:

a) Spiritual The Lead Kindly Light service was praised. Thanks given to Adelaide, Hilda and Marie for their input on Remembrance Sunday. It is hoped to build upon this for next year with the children. GIFT there is a meeting soon to discuss the next programme for Lent. Advent programme was works of reflection.

ALPHA finished at the beginning of Advent and there is to be a meeting soon to discuss how to continue.

b) Youth Young people played a large part in various services. Faith in Action children have sung at Sunday morning Mass and some came to assist at the carol service by singing and helping with the dressing of the crib. The latter included children who are not actual members of the parish. A large number of positive comments have been made and we are fortunate to have such confident young readers at Mass. Discussion of a social night for children and families in June.

Meeting for co-workers 24th Feb 1-3pm at Cardinal Hume. Deadline for FLAME 19th Feb.

Lord Mayor has been invited to visit St Oswald's school thanks to Flo.

c) Future events Christmas Masses were very full, how do we proceed?

Passover Tues 16th April.

Booklets "Walk with Me" to be ordered.

Easter Sunday events to be organised.

POSH panto taking place soon.

6. Any other relevant business: Toy appeal – thanks were paid to everyone who contributed and thanks from Tabitha's Place. Parishioners are always very generous. Trainers are needed for asylum seekers. Discussion of Lenten food boxes in the form of alms giving to be followed up.

7. Date of next meeting 3rd March 2019 at 11.00a.m.

8. Closing prayer.