

**SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Present** : Father Jim Dunne, Ged Downey , Hilda Dixon , Robert Wilson , Susan Stoddart

**Apologies** for absence were submitted on behalf of Jo Shepherd , Marie Miller, Ewa Posner, Flo Neilson

1. Opening prayer
  2. Apologies for absence
  3. Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November  
These were agreed as a correct record
  4. Partnership / Diocese news  
Ged reported that partnership bulletin had been well received  
Father Jim and Ged are to attend a diocese meeting soon to discuss further communications within the partnerships
  5. Parish Activities
    - a) Spiritual  
Gift will be recommencing this week  
A Passover meal is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>
    - b) Youth  
It was reported that the recent Confirmations had gone well, the parish had received positive feedback.  
Youth Sunday had also been very successful and well supported across the partnership
    - c) Future events  
Easter services were discussed as it is early this year – Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Fr Jim informed the meeting that a directive from the Bishop has indicated that Parishes are to lose a mass next year.  
Discussion ensued as to the impact this will have on the parish.
6. Any other relevant business  
The Blue Christmas service -St Wilfred's Blyth  
It was reported that this service had been well supported and was appreciated by those who had attended.

Christmas Services – Sacred Heart

It was agreed that the services had all been well-organised and attended  
It was hoped that the status quo would be maintained next year

Toy appeal

It was discussed that this is an excellent resource during the Christmas period. Families who are experiencing extreme hardship are benefitting from the appeal. Grateful thanks are to be expressed to the Donnelly family who are the main organisers.

Lenten lunches  
Date to be arranged

Asylum Seekers Food Collection  
It was confirmed that this collection was going well.

7. Date of next meeting  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11am