

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
8th Jan 2017

Present: Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, Monica Jackson, Flo Nilsson, Ged Downey, Susan Stoddart, Ewa Posner, John Hawthorne, Marie Miller.

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies for absence: Sheila Cunningham, Adelaide Emmerson

3. Minutes of meeting 30th Oct 2016 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda: Someone has joined the book group.

5. GIFT: Meeting soon to plan the next programme.

6. Youth update: FLAME Rally in March is still available to young people. Confirmations went well and it was felt there was a benefit by having them during a parish Mass.

7. Diocesan Survey: The plan was submitted on time and in two weeks time Diocesan meetings will be held to decide on the future. Thanks were paid to Ged for the amount of work he has taken on behalf of the parish. Further discussion was held concerning the future of the churches and clergy in the Diocese.

8. Council of Laity: There was a full day meeting of all the Diocesan groups, including clergy, to discuss working together. We are fortunate that there are opportunities for all ages in this parish. Discussion of possibility of a Baptismal preparation group involving laity.

9. Future Events: Discussion of the re-introduction of a charity Christmas greetings sheet. To be discussed in Sept.

10. Any other relevant business: Discussion of Christian Unity service arrangements. Discussion of church heating which is still causing concern.

11. Date of next meeting Sunday 5th March 2017 11.00a.m.