

Sacred Heart Parish PSC Meeting

Draft Minutes of the meeting on Monday 8th July 2019.

7.30pm, the Presbytery.

Fr Karol welcomed everyone and said the opening prayer. As Fiona Smith who had agreed to chair this meeting, had sent apologies. Fr Karol was elected to chair the meeting.

Apologies David Kerr, Fiona Smith, Michal Wojcik

Draft Minutes of April 2019.

There was one small amendment to the 8am Mass report that the “request for a bell to be reinstated was under consideration”. Ellen requested that it should be changed to “*under consideration on a wish list*”. The minutes of 29th April were passed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

The outcome on the discussion on the Car Park is covered in the F & B report which everyone had received.

Altar Servers’ training. Arthur had met with John McManus and it was decided to compile a handbook for Servers as each parish had its own “peculiarities”. Copies of the CTS publication had been purchased and will be used as a basis. This matter will be delayed until Fr. Tom is in situ. It was said that new altar servers should be recruited now from the children who have just received First Communion.

Various repository orders

Elizabeth had purchased the leaflets for Reconciliation preparation for the Confirmation Candidates and extra copies for the repository which parishioners had requested. Each candidate had been presented with the CTS Catholic Bible and 2 extra copies were bought for the repository. Thirty copies of the handbook for Altar Servers’ were purchased at the same time.

The Sacred Heart Banner on front of the church will be removed tomorrow.

REPORTS: Copies of the reports from Mass representatives and the various parish groups had been circulated before the meeting.

Finance and Buildings – Ellen.

The sub- group appointed to deal with the “tarmac” issue will not meet until Fr Tom has chaired the next F&B meeting. A complaint has been received from 9 Park Rd. about the fence panelling. Seven panels surrounding all of the carpark and garden will be replaced.

Proclaim – One hundred houses were visited in Fairfield, St. Ives on Saturday June 15th. The village of Wyton will be visited on 20th July as part of our ongoing evangelization.

Fr Karol is still the Diocesan Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization although he is moving from St Ives.

Religious Education and Liturgy. It was pointed out that the Asperges took place throughout the whole Easter season.

S.V.P There was confusion in this report between the Bridge Church and Bridge chapel.

The Bridge Church is a new Christian denomination which meets in their premises in a former warehouse on 2 Burrell Rd. St Ives and houses the Debt Advice Centre from there. The Bridge Chapel is the historic building in St Ives town.

Social – Ian asked if the BBQ on 15th September would still be advertised as the La Salette BBQ. This was agreed as on that Sunday the Liturgy at 11am Mass will be celebrated for Our Lady of La Salette.

Holy Land – Rehearsals will begin in late August for the Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday October 26th .

Music - James drew our attention to his report about the replacement of Calamus by One License for covering the current music. However he has concerns about the music for the Polish Mass which is photocopied from the hymn books.

Masses : 5pm – Arthur A need for more large print hymn sheets is needed. People leaving their seats from the extension needs to be sorted out for the distribution of Holy Communion as there is some confusion at the moment.

8am –Richard had received a complaint about the same people coming 7 minutes late every Sunday. After discussion it was felt that no action should be taken.

9.30am – No report. Numbers have dropped recently.

11am – As number vary especially after First Communion has taken place, Philip finds it unnecessary to open the hall screens every Sunday now.

Churches Together in St Ives – Elizabeth reported that CTSI would not be taking part in the town carnival this year. Although a lorry and driver had been found the vice-chair who had volunteered to organise our group had been diagnosed with ME and unable to carry the project forward.

Grapevine The Summer edition is almost ready for publication. There is a meeting tomorrow with Fr Karol, Diane and Elizabeth to finalise the layout and publication deadlines.

Council of Laity Meeting on 25th May 2019

Fiona attended the meeting but as she was not present, copies of the report were distributed. On the attendance list it was noted that our parish was listed as St Ive's. Elizabeth was asked to contact the new secretary, Maureen Costello, to correct this and have Sacred Heart Parish, St Ives recorded as the name of our parish.

Future of Parish.

As Fr Tom Walton becomes the Parish Priest on July 15th, the following arrangement for clergy cover will come into play to accommodate Fr Karol's guests and holiday arrangements already agreed.

July 16th to 19th and 22nd to 25th Fr Tom

July 26th to August 30th Fr Stanislaw Witowski MS

August 31st to September 1st Fr Marek Pabis MS

September 7th / 8th: 14th /15th Fr Manuel Gili-Hammett

September 21st/22nd Fr Karol. A presentation to Fr Karol will take place on Sunday 22nd September after the 11am Mass in the parish hall.

September 28th/ 29th Fr Manuel Gili-Hammett

October Fr Thomas Walton.

Bishop Alan has specifically said that Peterborough will be the only La Salette parish in the Diocese of East Anglia. However he wishes the 9.30am Polish Mass to continue and will be served on a rota basis by the La Salette priests from Peterborough. Fr Tom has agreed that the priests will get a stipend for these masses with travelling expenses.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Church History Group Information on this parish can be found in the new Diocesan Archives reference [http: 104.41.221.117](http://104.41.221.117). Fr John Arendzen, the first Parish Priest to serve in our parish has had part of his biography 1900 – 1903 included in a new book on Douai Abbey (Seminary) by Prof. Judith Caen. A proof copy is available at Oscott Seminary.

On 28th June there is a special celebratory Mass at Westminster Cathedral for all priests serving in Dioceses in England.

Heritage Open Days – Dates chosen by the Civic Society for St Ives are 20th to 22nd September. Someone from this parish needs to coordinate our opening hours and volunteers.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Elizabeth will consult Fr Tom about the date of the next meeting.