

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL VIA ZOOM, 25 JANUARY 2021, 7.30pm

Present: Father Charles (Fr C) vice chair, Shirley Kalinauckas (SK), Sam Barlow (SB) school, Jenny Beugeard (JB), Rebecca Clarke (RC) catechist, David Cranfield (DC), Carole Hunt (CH) treasurer, Helen Kirby (HK) safeguarding, Mary Kirk (MK) communications officer, Cathy Scott (CS).

1. Father Charles opened with a prayer

2. SK welcomed everyone, and especially HK who had returned to the PPC in her safeguarding role. There were no apologies, but it was noted that Martin Benatar and Emma Brocklebank had resigned.

3. **The minutes** of the meeting of 14 September 2020 had been distributed by email. Once approved by members they are uploaded to the website as they cannot be displayed physically in the churches at present.

4. **Parish priest's report** (previously circulated): CS enquired about the splitting of Downside assets. The renowned research library was causing a problem. CH reported that the parish now pays Downside an annual levy of £5000 as well as paying for the parish priest, and pays 37% of parish income to the diocese.

5. **Chair's report** (previously circulated): No questions.

6. **CAFOD and Laudato si' report** (previously circulated): data in terms of kwh of green energy generated from the installation of PV panels were not known. The parish receives approximately £200 payment from feed-in from the generation. Data are needed in order to apply for the CAFOD Live Simply award. No CAFOD envelopes had been received for the Lent Fast Day, but the parish has general-use CAFOD envelopes. MK asked Fr C to support enthusiastically the CAFOD 'Walk for Water' Lent initiative, seeking sponsorship for walking 10,000 steps for 40 days.

7. **School report** (previously circulated): DC asked how many of the children currently being schooled at home do not have computers. SB replied all children have necessary hardware. The 15 computers coming from the parish and other contributors have not yet arrived. SB reported that conditions were difficult at present because of the Covid restrictions.

8. **Communications report** (previously circulated): MK appealed for volunteers to be 'interviewed' for the website, saying the interviews remained the most popular pages. HK said leaving interviews online might be a safeguarding issue, even though they were done with full permission of the interviewee who had control over the final text.

9/10 **First Holy Communion and Confirmation reports** (previously circulated): it was agreed that the 2020 FHC cohort should receive their FHC, in small

celebrations of three or four families, as they have waited a long time. The next two years should be combined, as soon as instruction and meeting became possible. Confirmation instruction at present was too difficult to arrange, and therefore postponed until possible.

11. The parish post-Covid: The possibility of getting a locum priest to say Sunday Mass while Fr C is shielding was discussed. This costs £150 per weekend + mileage. At present it was thought few people would attend, as few coming to Eucharistic Adoration. SK said the future was a worry as many preferred streamed Masses, and children had not been in church for nearly a year. The idea of 'working groups' was suggested to try and revivify parish life post-pandemic - eg social events, pastoral, youth to report back to the PPC as and when. HK also suggested a big parish celebration when and if everyone was free to mingle.

12. AOB: DC asked how the pandemic was affecting parish finances. CH replied that since 90% of income comes via standing order, this was only approximately eight per cent down.

13. DONM: Monday 19 April 2021, 7.30pm probably via Zoom.

14. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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