

Notes from the First Meeting of the Catholic Leamington Parish Pastoral Council

Held on 17th January 2019 at St Peter's Hall

Present: Fr John Cross, Deacon David Palmer, Ira Winter, June Palmer. Sarah Vaughan, Emma Rayment, Liz Mullis, Hazel Simmons, Brian Malone, Patrick Reddin.

Apologies: Fr Andrew Franklin, Sandie Tansey, Laura Simmons, Salvatore Monastero.

1. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. After introductions Fr John summarised the notes that were made (and circulated) following the meeting held on 16th November.
3. **Constitution**
The Constitution for the Catholic Leamington Parish Pastoral Council was discussed. The draft constitution is attached with these minutes for members consideration and suggestions.

4. Youth Work

Emma Rayment has been employed on a part-time basis until March to oversee some of the initiatives that Erin had begun. She will organise the Summit prayer group, the Youth Masses and is to meet with the head teachers of the Catholic primary schools. More volunteer help is needed from within the parish to support the existing youth work.

There has been some progress on recruiting a replacement for Erin. A sub-committee headed by Fr Andy has drawn up a revised job specification and advertisement. Fr Patrick Mileham would also like Warwick parish to be included and attended the sub-committee meetings.

There was a general meeting last Sunday which gave the young people, their parents and parishioners the opportunity to say what they would like from the youth work in the Parish and what its aims should be. This will help to determine whether the youth work should be full or part time, and if it should be one person or a job-share.

The youth are looking for ways to serve the parish. There is a reader's workshop for young people coming up and they could be encouraged to help with children's liturgy and Sacramental preparation.

5. Social Sub-Committee

Fr John proposed that a sub-committee should be set up with volunteers from each of the three churches to organise social events for and across the parish. Fr John requested that those present each approach suitable parishioners who might be willing to become members of the new sub-committee. It was suggested that the Kindaid group at Our Lady's might share their ideas and expertise in this area.

6. It was suggested that an initiative to help parishioners to discern what their strengths are, might encourage them to get more involved in the life and ministry of the parish.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4th April 2019 7pm in Our Lady's Hall.

The agenda for this meeting will include the election of officers.