

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Catholic Leamington Parish Pastoral Council**

**Held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at St Peter's**

**Present: xxx**

1. The meeting opened with prayers.

2. **Apologies were received from xxx**

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June were approved.

4. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes that were not covered by the agenda.

5. **Parish visitations by Archbishop Bernard and Bishop William**

The start of the Warwick Deanery visitation by the Bishops will be celebrated on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October with Vespers at 7pm in St Peter's Church followed by an address by Archbishop Bernard, who will speak about what they hope to achieve by the visitation. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. Bishop William and Fr Stephen Wright will also attend. All the Churches in the Deanery have been invited to send representatives. Fr John asked us to encourage all our parishioners to attend this event, particularly those who lead parish groups and ministries.

Catholic Leamington (all 3 churches) will be visited by Archbishop Bernard and Bishop William over the week-end of 21/22 February. The planning for the visitation will take place after hearing what the Archbishop would like to achieve through the visit.

6. **Report on the Youth Work**

A comprehensive written report had been circulated to update the council members about the current and planned youth work.

It has been decided to close the Summit Prayer Group as the young people found it difficult to commit to a weekly meeting with the pressure of school work and other activities. The younger ones who used to attend will be invited to the Wednesday Unite Youth Club and the older ones will be invited to the new Encounter evenings which will run twice a term on Friday evenings for older teenagers and students. Deacon Sean Gough will be the guest speaker at the first event on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Emma is hoping that Trinity School will organise a school group to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next year.

Emma has organised first aid training in November for those who help with the youth and children's ministry.

The young people who are being prepared for Confirmation this coming year will be given a Passport to Faith to encourage them to come to Mass to get it stamped. Emma suggested that it should include the attendance at a youth event to encourage them to engage with the

youth ministry in the parish. It was suggested that Emma should speak at all the Churches about the youth work to increase her profile in the parish and publicise what is available for young people.

## 7. **Creating a Parish Directory**

An example of an Excel spreadsheet was shown to the PPC with a form that could be used to allow parishioners to enter their data. It was made up of simple questions with multiple choice entry where applicable. When data is entered via the form, it will be stored in a password protected spreadsheet which will only be accessible by certain individuals. There are technical issues that still need to be addressed such as how to link it to the website, and how to allow access to read and update entries by both St Peter's and St Joseph's office staff. This was a first attempt and lots of suggestions were made about the content. A copy of the spreadsheet is to be sent round the PPC members asking for comments and suggestions regarding content. Fr John would like to try it out first before launching it in the Parish – probably as a parish census. When the online version is complete it would also need to be offered on paper for those who do not have Internet access.

## 8. **The Alpha Course**

The team of 8 people from Catholic Leamington and Trinity School met last week to discuss the practicalities and to pray together. It has been spoken about at all three churches and parents of pupils at Trinity have been sent details. The team are going to visit Trinity next week to check the venue. Currently we have 9 adults booked on and 4 young people.

## 9. **The Parish Social Sub-Committee**

A joint meeting of the social committees was held and the minutes have been circulated. It was agreed that the Mass times should be removed from the calendar on the web-site as these made it difficult to see any other event. The social events would then be added to this. The PPC could see no problem with the current policy regarding the booking and charging of halls across Catholic Leamington.

An offer has been made to redevelop the Catholic Leamington web-site for free by a parishioner who designs web-sites professionally, There was no objection to this as long as the current information on the web-site was not lost and it could be easily updated by individuals and groups in the Parish. It was suggested that he write a proposal outlining his ideas and showing the benefits of a new web-site.

The PPC members confirmed that they are happy to receive the minutes of sub-committees and groups across Catholic Leamington (like the Saturday Friendship Group) when they are sent to the PPC secretary for distribution.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 starting at 7pm at Our Lady's**