

Our Lady and All Saints Parbold
Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group
held in the Church Meeting Room
1900 Monday 19 January 2015

Present:

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	Stephen Marston
Vice Chair	Ged Tromp
Clergy	<i>Apologies from Deacon David Bennett</i>
Altar Servers	Stephen Marston
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	<i>Apologies from Deacon David Bennett</i>
Catechists	Sue Mellor
Children's Liturgy	<i>No Representative Present</i>
Child Protection	Helen Jones
Coffee Group	Ged Tromp
Extraordinary Ministers	Sue McCluskey
Finance	<i>Apologies from Anthony Hitchen</i>
Flowers	<i>Apologies Angela Roberts</i>
Health, Safety and Grounds	<i>Apologies from Anthony Hitchen</i>
Music	Sue Mellor
Nugent Care	Mary Beatham
Prayer and Reflection Groups	<i>Apologies from Janet DeCamp</i>
Primary School	Catherine Bennett
PTFA	Jenny West
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	Celia Charnock
Social Group	Joan Trevelyan
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
SVP	Sue Mellor
200 Club	Stephen Marston
Pastoral Area Forum (<i>co-opted</i>)	Catherine Bennett

1. Welcome from the Chair

Stephen Marston welcomed all present to the Meeting.

2. Opening Prayer by the Parish Priest

Father Gordon opened the Meeting with a Prayer.

3 Roll Call

Deacon David Bennett (Clergy, CAFOD), Anthony Hitchen (Finance, Health and safety), Angela Robert (Flowers), Janet DeCamp (Prayer and Reflection Groups) sent Apologies

4. Minutes from the Meeting held on 10 November 2014

The Minutes were inspected by the Group and found to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by Sue Mellor and seconded by Maise McNeil

5. Matters Arising**A) 5a - Parish Booklet**

The Booklet is almost ready for checking and proof reading, and should be ready soon.

Stephen Marston

6. Proclaim 2015

Fr Gordon discussed with the PPAG the initiative Proclaim 2015, being launched. The group discussed how to incorporate the ideas into our parish with the decision made that all small groups within the Parish would look at ways to use the material given and report back at the next meeting. The main event for Proclaim 2015 is a large gathering in Birmingham on July 11. It was discussed, that a smaller event within our Parish might be a better option

Parish Groups

7. School Admission Policy

Catherine Bennett informed the PPAG, that the School Governors have been asked to consider a new admission policy, changing priority for admissions to the School. The existing policy has baptised Catholics within our parish at number three and baptised Catholics with a sibling at our School at number four.

The new policy would swap these around.

It also changes the first criteria from looked after Catholic children to looked after children.

Many governors wish to stay with the existing policy; however the decision is out to consultation until 25/02/2015.

The reason for the change is to have consistency throughout the Archdiocese. Fr Gordon does not think the School should worry about numbers, as we will not exceed our quota due to our lack of Weddings and Baptisms. Also, if it were not for Children from outside the Parish coming to our School, it would have been closed long ago.

8 Midnight Mass

No advice required on this item, rather Fr Gordon informing the PPAG on a decision he had made regarding Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The number of Parishioners attending Midnight Mass has fallen from 337 in 1998,

294 in 2000 to just 157 in 2014, therefore despite the former Archbishop encouraging Midnight Mass at midnight, Fr Gordon has decided that from this year the first Mass of Christmas will be at 2000, the same time as our Easter Vigil, preceded with Carols from 1930.

On a more positive note, he reported that the statistics for 2014 show average Mass attendance, each weekend, slightly up from 2013.

7.Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 11 May 2015

Stephen thanked everyone for attending
Father Gordon concluded with a prayer.

Stephen Marston
Chairperson

Helen Jones
Secretary

