

St. Vincent's R C Church , Bramhall. PPT Meeting Tuesday 9th November 2021.

Minutes.

Present: JR. MN. LMcJ. JM. PM. MMc. Fr. Martin (on-line.)

3. Apologies for absence: A.N. CK. KC.

4. Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

5. Matters arising - LAMBS. Social evening will be held at St. V's on 8th December. Richard Walsh will supply disco. There will be restricted catering. Helpers and carers to use masks where possible. For LAMBS masks may not be appropriate. Windows and doors to be left open, subject to security considerations for the LAMBS. Invitation only and limited to 70 persons.

BOILER 7 day timer. Fitting of 7-day timer still to be decided. Decision to be made whether to replace just the circuit board will be cost effective compared with replacement of the boiler.

CAR PARK. JM & Fr. M inspected car park and discussed clearance estimate from Phil Smethurst. Clearance to go ahead at £390 incl. VAT

Work should commence early in December subject to PS's availability as he is weather dependent. JM. will erect notices for car park users as before to give notice of work dates. There will be two consecutive dates given to allow PH some flexibility but hopefully work will only require one of those dates for completion.

ROOF REPAIRS. Inspection report from Diocesan surveyors to be re-visited for clarification on the condition of the roof.

PORCH. This item is still pending and may be dependent on decisions about the roof.

6. Advent and Christmas.

Crib event Nevill Road school break up on 22/12/21. We hope to set up the crib outside in the porch again about 3pm on this last day so the children can see it and write prayers and light a candle as last year. Jane R to discuss with the social committee

Travelling Nativity. Signing up sheet needs to be printed off and put up in the porch. Rowena will assist in this.

Remembrance Mass. This will go ahead on 14th November. Veronica will organise details.

Gift Mass. No date agreed by St Peter's School yet.

Advent Reconciliation Service. Currently this will be at Our Lady's on 16th December. May then rotate round all three parishes.

Xmas Mass Times. Times to be announced. Work in progress. Will be announced in first week of December. Musicians need to know dates and times.

SUNDAY EVENT FOR FAMILIES. Not viable currently. Discussion about attractions for children. Santa Claus? Donkey? Music?

Prayer Group - this will go ahead each Monday in Advent after Service of Word and Communion.

7. FUTURE PLANS.

Parish Social – it was suggested we have a Parish get together at the end of January as a goodbye event to Fr Geoff and Rowena as this could not happen during Covid. It still may be too soon to do an event indoors at the moment.

Synodality - March 2022 will be last date for parishes to give feedback to Bishop Mark. On 3rd April 2022 Bishop Mark will offer his diocesan discernment. Then 8th April for submissions to Bishop's Conference in readiness for the plenary assembly of the bishops in Cardiff 2nd – 6th May. Initial discussions will be parish by parish. Details will follow in the Newsletter.

Future plans may well be delayed by Covid considerations.

8. FINANCIAL UPDATE St. Ambrose and Our Lady's SVP may have funds available for LAMBS Xmas activities. To be approached for support.

There has been a general drop in donations in all parishes following the pandemic but it would be helpful to remind people who may now be giving online or by standing order that this can be Gift Aided.

The PPT asked if we could have some indication of our current outgoings versus income so we can tailor any events accordingly

9. CSS. There have been very regular updates, frequently on a daily basis, to/from all those parish members actively involved.

There has been a Home Office/Reset review. The Group and Caritas were interviewed first then the family were interviewed privately for their response to the CSS programme from their point of view. We await the report.

10. SAFEGUARDING. Nothing to report

11. PRAISE IN THE PARK. Possibility of support from a Wythenshawe church group to have an outreach event in Bramhall next summer rather than the previous format.

12. PARISHIONERS POINTS.

Possible Memorial Mass for Colette. Family to be consulted.

Possible memorial mass for those lost due to Covid pandemic. Fr. M willing to arrange such masses on request and discussion.

Reconciliation is available at St. Vincent's after mass on Wednesdays.

Possible for weekday masses to be made shorter? Total time in church for those acting as stewards can approach 2 hours. Covid cases are rising locally and have affected other churches. Stewards are no longer required for the weekday Masses, so they are not expected to stay that long. The doors are also left open for cross ventilation to minimise risk of infection. The diocese monitors rising cases and may advise on further restrictions if deemed necessary.

PPT minutes to be placed on website.

It was suggested that the **PPT meeting on Tuesday December 14th** could involve St Ambrose PPT and those in a similar position at Our Lady's and be more of a social get together than a meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.