

Minutes of PAC Meeting, 23rd March 2023

In attendance: Fr Patrick; Mary Pillon; Mary Verdult; Tim Naylor; Mike Seales.

Apologies from Bernadette Eakin.

Mary Wilson absent due to miscommunication arising from incorrect e-mail address.

1. Draft minutes of previous meeting accepted as a true record of proceedings.
2. Matters arising from previous minutes. Now that some repair work to the footpath outside the church has been completed, Mary Verdult agreed to contact the local councillor to establish whether railings could be erected, too.

Fr Patrick agreed to liaise with members of the Finance Committee in order to agree funding for card readers. Two may be required, costing £80 each. Howard Rigby proved most helpful in offering advice on the way forward. The Dona system, though more flexible, would have proved much more expensive, both in terms of that company's charges, and payments due to BT or an alternative service provider.

Great appreciation was expressed for the efforts of June and Bill Stallard who had provided a wonderful lunch for volunteers.

3. Fr Patrick proposed that Holy Communion should be offered in both kinds from Maunday Thursday in accordance with the guidance offered by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. This might require the training of additional Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Fr Patrick said that he would make a request for EEM in the Parish Newsletter.
4. Fr Patrick said that existing EEMs would need a "refresher."
5. Fr Patrick said that the early Sunday Mass was to be discontinued. The final early Mass will be on 26th March.
6. The schedule of Easter services is as follows: Thursday, 6th April – Maunday Thursday, 7pm Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet, followed by procession to the Altar of Repose and Adoration in the Lady Chapel. Friday, 7th April, Good Friday, 11.30am Stations of the Cross, 3pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. Adoration of the Holy Cross with distribution of Holy Communion. Saturday, 8th April – Holy Saturday, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 8.30pm – Easter Vigil and Solemn Liturgy of Easter. Sunday, 9th April – Easter Sunday, Solemnity of the

Resurrection of the Lord, 10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass. Monday, 10th April, Easter
Monday, 10.00am Solemn Holy Mass of the Octave.

7. Mary Pillon suggested that the parish undertake a monthly collection for a nominated charity. Fr Patrick explained the difficulty associated with such a plethora of charities competing for donations. It was agreed that Mary would ask June Stallard to obtain further information regarding a school in Uganda which might prove to be a worthy beneficiary of our financial support.

8. Mary Pillon explained that terms and conditions were required for the letting of the Parish Hall. The fee would need to cover costs, but our charges to hirers would not be excessive. Fr Patrick said that he would consult Fr Naz at St Joseph's with regard to the terms and conditions documentation they employ when hiring out a room.

9. The Confirmation service for the three youngsters concerned will take place in September.

10. AOB. Mary Verdult provided Fr Patrick with an exemplar version of a re-formatted newsletter. The aim is to condense information within two sides of A4. This format was viewed positively by committee members.

Bernadette, via Mary Verdult, asked whether profits from the raffle which took place at the St Patrick's Night social event, could be used towards the funding of our next social gathering. This proposal was approved.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 27th April in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm.