

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of St Fergus, Forfar and St Anthony's, Kirriemuir.

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7TH May in St Fergus Church, Forfar

- 1. Bill Flight presided.
Father Dijo opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Anne Pender, Helen Flight, Angela Taylor, Nancy McCormack, Zo Korabiowska-Smith, Alan Draper, John Denheen, Margaret McCauley, Vikki Semple, Kaye Donaldson, Lynda Stobbs, Karolina Green, Frances Hampton.

- 2. Apologies:**

Deacon Bert Miller, Anne Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Marjory Hughes

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd April 2024**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Report on repairs to rented flat at St Anthony's**

Michael Visocchi reported that the repairs were completed and that the gable end had been re-pointed.

- 6. Update on progress on guttering at St Anthony's hall**

Michael Visocchi reported that the drainage system had been repaired at a cost of £2500. The new guttering work had still to be carried out and the cost of the work was still to be obtained.

- 7. Update on memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**

Michael Visocchi reported that the work was in progress.

- 8. Update of children's liturgy and catechism – First Communion**

Angela Taylor reported the date for the Children's Liturgy had been changed from 12th May to 04th May but that it had not been noted in the newsletter. Bishop Steven Robson will attend the First Communion and Confirmation Service on Sunday 19th May. The children will be reading the bidding prayers. Deacon Bert Miller has been preparing two adult candidates for First Communion and Confirmation. Tuesday 14th May will be the last class for catechism and it will also be the rehearsal for First Communion and Confirmation. On Friday 17th May Helen Flight will give a talk for First Communicants and there will also be a practice with the altar servers and parents and then the Reconciliation Service. An item is to be placed in the newsletter asking for donations of food for Sunday 19th May.

9. Proposed World Nation Food Event in St Fergus

Nancy McCormack has started to approach parishioners for suggestions about what they would like to happen on the day. A suggestion was made about having an International Mass.

10. St Fergus 60th Anniversary closing event – 24th September 2024

Father Dijo reported that all former Parish Priests would be invited. A committee is to be set up to discuss and organise the event and also the presentation to Father Neil Gallagher. An item will be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers to help organise the event.

11. St Anthony's Day celebrations – 13th June 2024.

Michael Visocchi, Anne Pender and Kaye Donaldson are organising the event. Father Dijo reported that he would invite Father Andrew Marshall from Arbroath to the event. The time of the mass, every evening during the 9 day Novena, has been changed from 6.30pm to 7.00pm and the mass on 13th June is at 6.00pm.

12. St Fergus Church Hall possible refurbishment

Bill Flight reported that he and Father Dijo are to meet with Local MP Dave Dougan on Friday 10th May to discuss the situation regarding the disabled toilets.

13. Report on questionnaire re communion under both kinds.

The result of the recent survey carried out in the parish was made known at the meeting. 20 parishioners voted for both kinds and 26 voted against both kinds. The status quo will remain. The result will be published in the newsletter.

14. Final report on defibrillator at St Fergus

The defibrillator is now in position outside the front entrance of the priest's house and is now on the UK network.

15. A.O.C.B.

Angela Taylor reported that the next Health Walk would take place on 15th May.

Nancy McCormack reported that there would be a mass on 8th June 2024 at The Scalan in Aberdeen. The Scalan is an important ecclesiastical site in Scotland. Anyone interested in attending should speak to Nancy about the time of the mass and transport.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.55pm with a prayer.