

Minutes of Parish Forum 26th October 2020

Attendees: Carol Riley (Chair), Canon Paul Brindle, Damian Buggie, Janet Clegg, Betty Collinson, Peter Donnelly, Jim Doyle, Aileen Evans, Grace Fellows, Susan Fellows, Arnold Marsden, Ann Precious Mary Sellers, John Spencer, Amanda Taylor, Peter White, Susan White, Ann Harkin (Secretary)

Apologies: Margaret Spencer, Ann Cook,

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Father Paul led the opening prayers.

Item 2: Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting and thanked John Spencer for facilitating the event.

Item 3. Apologies

As above.

Item 4. Minutes of meeting on 26th October 2020

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Action: Minutes to be signed and filed.

CR

Item 5. Matters Arising

Update on Maintenance

Dunsop Bridge

The theft of lead from the roof had been "made good" and lightning conductors have been installed.

Clitheroe

- The new boiler had been installed and despite some teething troubles, it is now fully operational.
- Concrete posts and fence are to be repaired at the school playing fields. They had been damaged by a car during a road accident and there had been a delay in determining if the car driver's insurance company should pay for the repairs.
- Both Clitheroe and Sabden Church roofs have been repaired

Chair thanked AM for his maintenance at the Catholic Cemetery.

Youth Ministry

"Youth in the Future's" aim remained to try to reach out to younger parishioners to "replace" the ageing Parish population. "Youth in the Future" had had a successful launch with a Mass being organised by the children at St Mary's Langho who then sold bat boxes

for £10 for CAFOD. Unfortunately, COVID 19 had disrupted other planned events.

Chris Mayer from CCP had started "Ribble Valley Youth" and a launch meeting had been held on 20th October. St Augustine's have been contacted to "spread the word" if anyone was interested in attending the next meeting which will be in January on "You Tube". It was suggested that Paddy Brown could be a useful contact at St Augustine's.

Confirmation

An initial Diocesan meeting for Confirmation had been held, but preparations were on hold until after lock down.

Item 6. Review of Recent Events

NTR

Item 7. Parish Business

Christmas Masses

Father Paul had given considerable thought as to allow as many people to attend Mass as possible but remain COVID compliant. Father Ian Kelly had offered to help with the Masses at Sabden which would permit one more Mass at each Church.

Christmas Eve

Dunsop - 1200 hrs.
Clitheroe - 1500, 1700 and 1900 hrs.
Sabden - 1800 and 2000 hrs.¹

Christmas Day

Dunsop 0800 hrs.
Clitheroe 1000 hrs.

It was decided not to have a "booking system" which might result in people being turned away. However, the Stewards would ensure that the permitted number of "bubbles" were adhered to in each Church and we avoided people standing outside to chat.

The Chair thanked Father for his innovative suggestions.

Item 8. Group Reports

SVP

Zoom meetings are held every 2 weeks with 16 to 17 people, arranging for Christmas gifts

¹ Time is needed in between to clean the Churches between Masses and to prevent "bottle necks".

and donations. The planned collection had been interrupted but £300 had been raised and 20 to 30 parcels will be donated to those in need. The Chair thanked the SVP members for all their efforts.

Ladies Group

There had been no meetings since March.

Item 9. AOB

School Reports

It was hoped that these could restart in the New Year, although the meeting was conscious of not burdening staff (governors are not permitted to enter school premises). Jim Doyle would ask for a report from Sabden for the next meeting and Susan Fellows to ask for a report from Clitheroe for the following meeting.

Civic Society

The Clitheroe Civic Society will have a zoom presentation on "The Real Father Christmas" presented by Rev. Andy Froud, on 7th December. The £3 admittance charge would be donated to charity.

Item 10. Dates of the Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held on 8th February at 1900 for 1930 hrs.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 2005 hrs. and the Chair thanked those who had attended.