

**PARISH OF SAINT HELEN
LANGSIDE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**



TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2019 7.30PM ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

1.WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER / SCRIPTURE READING

2.PRESENT: Monsignor Paul, Deacon Kevin, Attracta O'Reilly, Clare Gonella, Grace Cohen, Fiona Mc Cartney, Michael O' Neill, Jackie Black & Chiara Piacentini.

APOLOGIES: P. Weatherall

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: (13/11/18) Read, discussed and approved

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Children's Choir – Participation in Advent Service was successful. Numbers increased due to distribution of fliers and advertising in Bulletin and Social Media. Will build on this and hopefully prepare for service on Good Friday. Liaise with Music Group.

b) Pre-Sacramental Course for Parents - A draft document has been prepared and awaits review and approval.

c) Contact with Cluster Parishes – will wait for future directives from the Archdiocese, re cluster group, and respond accordingly.

d) Protocol regarding recordings during Services – Consent Forms for photography at Services is in place and meets with Safeguarding recommendations. Must have a purpose and a specified duration. A suggestion was to have wording re photograph use etc, consistent with Safeguarding policy, printed on a laminated note sheet and read out at the start of each Parish event. Would also include Health & Safety advice. Draft for next meeting.

e) Notice of PPC Meetings in bulletin – There was no Parish Bulletin on the previous two weekends in January before PPC meeting therefore notice of the PPC meeting was put onto the Parish Web page and Facebook. Agreed need to apply improved forward planning for notification of PPC Meetings to parishioners so that there is notice of meetings in the bulletin on 2 occasions beforehand to allow parishioners a chance to put forward ideas, suggestions and comments. Also, to put notice on Notice Boards.

5. SAFEGUARDING UPDATE – Church Safeguarding Member gave a written update. Information on notice boards is being updated on a regular basis.

Annual Audit

The annual Safeguarding Audit is normally completed in January. The format of the annual audit has changed this year and should be in Parishes soon for completion.

Safeguarding Coordinator's Training

There was a training session on 12 December 2018.

Feedback was given in relation to the 2017 Audit

There are 89 parishes. 24 parishes have 2 parish Safeguarding Coordinators 60 parishes have 1: 5 have none but share with other parishes

Statistical information was given out about attendance at training

A reminder was given about the need to update PVG applications every 5 years. In 2019, a total of 665 volunteers will be required to renew their PVG in the Archdiocese.

The session ended with information on Trauma and the Impact on survivors.

Recruitment of Volunteers

Under the new policy, volunteers must attend level 1 training, as well as completing the necessary forms, prior to starting their volunteer role. Information about training dates is now being included in each recruitment pack. The training dates are also on display on the notice board in the meeting room. On line booking is now possible.

There are currently three new applications being processed, 1 Eucharistic Minister 2 Children's Liturgy.

6. CATECHESIS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHIONERS – FEEDBACK (Nov'18-Jan'19)

a) Volunteers' Dinner – November'18- A very successful evening with feedback that everyone enjoyed themselves. Provided a chance to speak with other parishioners in an informal setting while also providing an opportunity to grow as a parish community. Standard of food and service was exceptionally good.

b) Red Wednesday (ACN)- Achieved an increased awareness of this ACN initiative 'Stand Up for Faith and Freedom'. Quite a few parishioners wore RED on the day. Morning Mass prayerfully developed the theme with a few extra parishioners staying on for the daily Rosary which focused on praying for the individuals highlighted on the ACN prayer cards that had been distributed before Mass. The church floodlight was lit up that night in RED and ACN leaflets were available in church porch. Aim for next year is to build and grow further the awareness of ACN 'Red Wednesday' with possibility of some fund raising to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need through sale of ACN goods supporting the initiative a few weeks before the event date.

c) Advent/Christmas 2018 – Advent Service, with special input by the children was very well received-with more people attending this years' service. The extra publicity seemed to have paid off. Christmas Vigil Mass at 7pm was extremely well attended

and thankfully Midnight Mass – ran smoothly without any unwelcome disturbances. Talks on Pope Saint Paul VI and Evangelisation, during Advent, led by Monsignor Paul were very well received and well attended. Monsignor Paul was thanked for his preparations and spiritual input. Everyone agreed that the musical input throughout Advent and Christmas was of a very high standard.

d) AGAP – ‘A sign of Contradiction’- well attended. AGAP will be returning to St. Helen’s with a new play. Date to be confirmed.

7. PARISH PASTORAL PLAN (FORWARD PLANNING – JANUARY - JUNE’19)

a) Film ‘Pope Francis – A Man of his Word’. Hope to screen this film in February ’19. Invite neighbouring parishes to attend rather than publicity through Pauline’s Book shop and Eventbrite. Possible dates – 19th or 26th February’19. Contact organiser to confirm date, costs and publicity. Promote in bulletin once date is confirmed.

b&c) Tuesdays in Lent – Hall bookings for Tuesday evenings to be blocked off for 6 Tuesdays to allow for Lenten parish events. Catechists to deliver material by Bishop Barron (5 Tuesdays) and the remaining Tuesday evening used for a Refugee/Asylum Seekers focus - parishioner organised and lead. Chairperson to contact parishioner involved to confirm Tuesday date.

Suggested a flyer to promote Lent 2018 Programme.

This year instead of a parish Shrove Tuesday pancake event it was agreed to have parish pancakes on Sunday 3rd March during usual tea in the hall after 11am Mass. Need to confirm/check with parish Sunday café rota.

d) Spiritual development for PPC. Following discussion, Parish Council members were happy to nourish their spiritual development through parish events/activities. There was a suggestion for a possible Parish retreat opportunity at the start of Lent on Saturday 9th March depending on availability of Fr John Clarke

8. LITURGY

a) CHILDREN’S LITURGY 2 new leaders have been recruited. Will keep regular appeals in bulletin and website.

b) MUSIC GROUP – no response to plea for more musicians. Continue to ask for musicians, particularly guitarists, in bulletin, website and social media.

9. DECORATION OF PORCHES

a) Quote for handrail – still waiting for quote

Mission statement - to be amended and displayed in both porches

Possible painting of ceiling and tiles on floor, in porches, and completing notice boards

10. FAO PARISH COUNCIL

a) SSVP –Members had a successful Christmas party in the church hall with live entertainment. Gifts from the ‘Giving Tree’ were distributed to various care homes in the parish. St.Teresa of Lisieux parish, Possilpark, Barlinnie prison and The Ozanam Centre, Bridgate also received gifts from the ‘Giving Tree.’ Suggestion to let parishioners know where ‘Giving Tree’ gifts were distributed to with a notice in the bulletin.

SSVP would also like to heighten awareness of the fact that they accept donations of clothes. Discussed preparing a flyer to advertise this and/or possibly a notice in the Parish Bulletin. Also plan to highlight work of SSVP with a SSVP display on the noticeboards in the porch.

b) Suggestion boxes– No matters for consideration in Suggestion Boxes at back of Church.

11. AOCB

a) HCPT19 GROUP have confirmed that their group will fund a pupil from Holyrood Secondary School to be accompanied by them on their forthcoming HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes in April 2019.

b) Glasgow Archdiocese Pilgrimage Group -have approached PPC to look for help to raise awareness of and funds for pilgrimages to Lourdes this year and in future years. Discussed the creation of a ‘Parish Lourdes Group’ where members could promote the work they do and use the Church Hall for fundraising events etc. PPC happy to support this group.

c) Update of ‘A Family of Faith’ Proforma to be prepared and sent out to each group for completion.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019. PARISH MEETING ROOM 7.30PM

13. CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING