
St Brides Parish, West Kilbride

Minutes of Pastoral Parish Council Meeting on 19th January 2022



Attendees: Betty Orr (Chair); Fr. McVicar; Peter McCluskie; Laura McLean; Paul McNulty, Phyllis Howie; Joe McAleavy

Meeting held in Church Hall on Tuesday 18th January 2021. All the above were in attendance.

Betty welcomed everyone and said the opening prayer, The Prayer for Others.

A suggestion was made to have the Agenda in advance of the meeting.

Faith Group

Peter and Laura have been working on the next Sycamore Course. Dates to be confirmed.

Synodality Course

Changes have been made to the training course. Full details will be revealed at the next meeting together with dates in March to introduce it to our Parishioners. Information will be circulated via booklets, email, website.

Bridie's Blethers

Second Edition will be available at the end of January. Positive feedback, could improve size of photos. Cost of production could be reduced by printing in-house.

World Day of Prayer

This will be held in the Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm

The Sacraments

Discussion took place (following a meeting with the Council of Priests) on "Do people understand the Sacraments". The Pandemic had a huge effect on the numbers attending Mass, which was already falling over recent years but hugely affected by COVID19.

How do we get the message out why Sunday Mass is important? Young people are hungry for answers and looking for reasons to attend Mass. Some are also frustrated by some of the terminology used. i e obedience, and having it explained that it meant "to listen" got an answer they could understand.

Church Heating

The bill increased from previously being £177 per month to £380 with the new system. It was suggested that we should look at a more efficient system for our needs.

Organist

We will have access to an organist Chris Kelly when available, a stipend will be paid for his services.

Easter Services

Ash Wednesday is 2nd March. Details of services etc will be discussed at next meeting.

Lorraine Corrigan

It was agreed that we would organise a celebration for Lorraine who is being received into the church. Date to be confirmed.

Finance

Parish Finance.

Paul gave an update on Parish finances. A further tax rebate of around £4,000 is due. A more realistic levy system is now in place.

Mass for the Dead

It was confirmed that masses for the dead are said, on request, in our parish by Fr Gerry.

Betty thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 22nd Feb. 4pm
