
St Brides Parish, West Kilbride

Minutes of Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27th

September, 2023



Present: Fr.Duncan, Betty Orr, Phyllis Howie, Laura McLean, Joe McAleavy

Welcome

Fr. Duncan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Family Fun Day

The day was a real community day and a big success, good weather and with most of the costs covered. Supported also by the Parish Church. We will put it on the agenda for next year. Photos and notes in Bridie's Blethers

Action : Joe

Mass & Alter Canopy

Mass attendance numbers tends to fluctuate from week to week.

The new inscription above the Alter has been much admired and all credit due to Nicholas Monir for his fine workmanship.

Teas/Soup Sunday

Normal Sunday teas will continue after Mass and is much appreciated by our Parishioners. A suggestion to have a "Soup Sunday" has been agreed and will start on the 22nd October, other dates will be notified in the Bulletin. Donations will go to feeding the hungry.

Action: Betty/Lorraine

Sunday Rotas

A request will be made asking those on the weekly rotas to find a replacement if they are not available.

Action: Fr. Duncan to announce / Bulletin :Phyllis

Communion

Chalice Communion has restarted and appears to be well received.

Prayer of the Rosary

During the month of October, the Rosary will be celebrated before Mass on Tuesday/Friday at 9.40am, commencing on Friday 6th Oct (day before the feast day of our Lady of the Rosary). Rosary beads will also be blessed.

Action: Fr. Gerry

Morning prayer during Advent

A leaflet with prayers to be said four times every Tuesday, before Mass, will be produced and handed out at Mass. This will replace the Advent booklet, which will now be done for Lent.

Action: Fr. Duncan

Lent Booklet : Betty/Laura

Adult Formation

A suggestion was made to offer an alternative to Sycamore and Synod. Three sessions, 2 of which will have a theme, the 3rd will be a speaker. The dates agreed are

November 8th, 15th and 22nd from 7 - 8.30pm, with refreshments provided.

Action : Fr, Claire McIlhatten

Harvest Baskets

An agreement was approved to appeal for Teabags and jars of Coffee during every Sunday of October, 2 baskets to be bought. All donations will be given to the Village Larder.

Action: Laura

West Kilbride Primary School

Fr. Duncan and Laura met with the Head Mistress. A letter will be sent to the parents of any Catholic children attending the school.

Action: Head mistress

Music System

The cost to provide this is in the region of £2,500. A poor response was received from the envelope appeal and the crowd funding with only £900 raised to date. Our main source of income comes from Church house rent, which will be reviewed. Agreement to try and raise more money via a raffle at the Church dinner in December and possibly a pre Christmas Raffle for a hamper.

Action: Joe Costs/All

Church Handrail

The Church handrail is still 'work in progress'

Heating

Boiler has been reset and is now working again. Engineer suggested no items should be placed anywhere near the system. Suggestion to have a smart meter installed in both the house and the church.

Action : Phyllis

Property

It was agreed that we need somebody to monitor the Church buildings and notify Fr. of any areas requiring attention. Bob And Danny were suggested to take this on.

Action : Betty

Fr. closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming

Next meeting : Wed. 7th Feb 2024
