
St Brides Parish, West Kilbride

Minutes of Parish Meeting on Tuesday 28th May, 2024



PARISH COUNCIL /PARISHIONERS OPEN MEETING; TUESDAY 28THMAY 2024

Present; Fr Duncan, Fr Gerry, Betty Orr, Laura McLean, Peter McCluskie, Paul and Lorraine Corrigan, James Montgomery, Phyllis Howie

Apologies; Joe McAleavy, Liz Moran, Sr. Rosemary

Fr Duncan welcomed all to the meeting

Before the meeting started Laura put forward a motion suggesting Betty take on the role of Chairperson of the PC. Betty agreed and the meeting was opened. Fr Duncan said the opening prayer.

Bishop's Meeting

The Bishops met to address the finances of all Scottish Parishes who all have Charity status which means no debt is allowed. A formula was discussed on what contribution each Parish will have to pay which will have to cover all the financial needs to cover the costs of running and sustaining each Parish, which will include the Diocese expenses, Bishop's house and office etc. West Kilbride currently pay a levy of £11,000. The aim is to have a fairer levy for all Parishes by 2025 all over Scotland. Gift Aid provides an annual income of £4,000 for our Parish.

Sacrament of Confirmation

From 2026 children in Primary 7 will make their Confirmation (currently P4). Contact with the local school to establish any children eligible for Confirmation. SVDP in regular contact and it was suggested to keep this contact as the Liaison person. Action Peter

Diocesan Synod

A Diocesan Synod is being planned which will include all clergy plus representatives from each Parish.

Bishop Visit & Appointments

Parish Visit from our new Bishop is planned for September. The Bishop will celebrate Mass. Fr Andrew McKenzie has been appointed as Bishop of Dunkeld.

Whithorn Pilgrimage

National Pilgrimage to Whithorn on Sunday 25th August, Mass at 4pm. Parish office has details.

New Music System

New music system training sessions available for anyone interested in learning how it works and help out as required.

How can I help?

A form has been produced inviting Parishioners to help out with the various activities. The form will be distributed after Mass.

SVDP Legacy

Peter advised that two donations had been received, one from Cathy Ross and one from Eric Gibney, one to be used for the Lourdes Group and one to purchase a statue of our Lady in honour of Eric.

Church Maintenance

The outside drain, plaster work in the hall and outside rails are all in hand. The statue in the garden will be cleaned up. Action Paul and Bob

AOCB

- Church Books - 4 new and updated books (used for readings, Gospel and Funerals) will be purchased at a cost of 1k
- Money will be raised by an extra weekly collection over 4 months or by a personal donation.
- Fun Day - Proposal to go ahead with the family fun day. Date to be arranged. Action Betty
- Christmas - Plans to redesign the Crib .Action Fr Duncan
- Carol Concert to be held in the Church this year

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 14th OCTOBER
