



## **St. Marie's Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of meeting held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
In Cathedral House at 7:45pm

### **Present:**

Fr. Chris Posluszny  
Niall Corroon  
Leandro Martins  
Anne Heslop  
Eileen Maher  
Steve O'Hara  
Moya O'Hara  
Candida Calvert  
Josip Korbar

### **Guest:**

Hugh Finnigan

This meeting utilised a new format designed to address important issues within the parish, kindly designed by Candida Calvert. This is a revolving agenda, with a 3-month cycle.

### **1. Worship – Discussion and Action Planning to Start to Address any Issues**

#### **a. Appearance of the Church**

Flowers for the church are well-covered with a team of four 'regulars' and extras on board when necessary.

There are some difficulties with effectively cleaning the stone inside the church.

The spire, bells and under-croft are areas requiring attention in the future. Repair of the spire (which is leaning to one side at the apex) is part of an upcoming bid

There was concern raised during the meeting that the cathedral is not particularly adaptable in its decoration to mark the different aspects of the calendar year.

**ACTION:** At the November meeting, there is to be further discussion of the various ways the decoration could be altered, particularly with regards to the upcoming Advent/Christmas seasons.

Eileen Maher is to prepare a list of jobs needed for 'high cleaning' of the church, which needs doing every so often. Volunteers are then to be gathered from the parish database for this task, and via other methods of parish communication.

#### **b. Weekly Liturgies**

There are not enough Eucharistic Ministers. The Children's Liturgy is going well, with a steady increase in numbers. There may come a time where more adult volunteers are required to help run the Children's Liturgy, but this shall be raised by Candida Calvert if that time comes. There are some concerns about the daily Evening Prayer – some parishioners are unsure as to what to do and how to follow.

Results for the Heritage Lottery Application are due in October.

**ACTION:** Dates are to be set for 'taster sessions' for Eucharistic Ministers. Niall is to contact David Smith, and Candida is to contact Bob Rae to confirm dates. Once dates are confirmed, the parish database is to be contacted to establish interest. Instruction sheets are to be prepared to accompany Evening Prayer, to make it easier to follow.

### **c. Special Masses and Processions**

Bishop Ralph's Installation Mass went well. There were some unforeseen circumstances, but for similar events in the future, the PPC were happy to stick with the same organisational structure. Hugo is to create some DVDs of the event. Cutler's Hall was unprepared to accommodate such a large group of people and there was not enough food – Silviu is to query this.

There is a need to develop a Parish Symbol to present to Bishop Ralph at a special mass on 8<sup>th</sup> September. A young person is needed to bring this up. Suggestions were that a wooden-mounted A4-size parish logo would be suitable (although we are open to other suggestions).

On 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm, there is a special diocesan mass at the cathedral to express thanks for the years of service given by Bishop John Rawstone.

**ACTION:** Eileen is to contact St. Wilfrid's centre to explore the possibility of creating a wooden logo.

Niall is to notify Katherine in the office to create invitations to other parishes for Bishop John's mass.

### **d. Music**

Hugh Finnigan is currently preparing a document outlining the current situation of the music in the cathedral. Presently, issues to be addressed are the large variation in numbers for the 6:30pm Sunday mass. There is also a shortage of available organists.

To advance the music in the future, there are possibilities with cooperating with the University Department of Music and build up something from there. There is an eventual vision to hope to create a system similar to other (successful) music departments in nearby dioceses; however the present lack of funding means that this is very much a long-term vision.

**ACTION:** Look into contacting other organists (who make use of the cathedral for practice) to encourage some cooperation with services.

## **2. Other Issues Raised**

### **a. Website**

There are some outstanding issues with the website, and some aspects are in need of an update.

