

PARISH PASTORAL FORUM MINUTES
Friday 20 January 2017 – Parish Office

Present: Teresa Goodchild (TG) Chair, Fr Lixon Cyriac (LC), Barbara Leigh (BL), Velmar Morrissey (VM), Fr Gerry Mulvihill (GM), Kim Mwambazi (KM), Lily Webley (LW)

Attending from the Finance Committee: Theresa Blythin (TB)

1. **Opening Prayer**

As we were in the octave of prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January), the meeting opened with the suggested prayer.

2. **Apologies and Minutes**

The secretary was unable to attend the meeting, in her absence, minutes were recorded by TB.

Apologies were received from: Michelle Toll (MT), Diane Sequeira (DS) and Marisa Alcock (MA). The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

i A shortened version of the minutes is now being uploaded to the parish website.

ii The Welcomers' Committee was discussed. The group seems to be dwindling. It was decided to have a recruitment drive in the Spring.

iii It was felt that the Advent and Christmas services had gone well.

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4. **Finance Committee Update**

In general parish finances are healthy.

i **Church heating** – not much has been received since November – around £155, plus £46 in GA. The *JustGiving* web page is still open as it is a convenient way for people to give relatively small donations, for example when paying for copy certificates, etc.

ii **Perimeter wall** – it is hoped that the work will start within the next couple of weeks. One section of about 30-35 metres will be replaced with fencing. The final quote is still to be received.

iii **Electrical inspection** – our 5-yearly inspection by Precision Safety has highlighted some matters needing urgent attention, some of which are considered dangerous. Quotes for the work are being sought.

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iv **Refugee project** – an initial outlay of c£2K was spent to get the flat ready for an occupant. Since then the only expenditure has been a new washing machine as the old one stopped working and could not be fixed.

v **Annual Report to the parish** – will be produced as usual once the annual financial return has been completed and the audit has taken place.

5. **Fundraising**

i **100 Club**

All members will be contacted in April to ask if they wish to continue in the

scheme and at this point available numbers for new subscribers will be advertised to fill the club for the new club year (May 2017 to April 2018).

- iii **Quiz**
As MT was not at the meeting, this item was held over until the next meeting.
- 6. **Parish News**
The new parking signs look very professional and are deterring some unauthorised parking.

BL reported on CAFOD and ecumenical events:
 - i **CAFOD** – are running a workshop on Understanding CAFOD which has been advertised in the newsletter.
There will be a CAFOD speaker at all Masses weekend of 4-5 March.
Envelopes and prayer cards will be sent to us.
 - ii **The Lampedusa Cross Card** campaign, which was an initiative in the Year of Mercy, will be continued in 2017.
 - iii **Frugal Meal** – planned for **3 March** this year.
 - iv **Green Heart campaign** – we are being sent stickers to wear on our lapels. BL will prepare a display for the church.
 - v **Ecumenism** – Sunday 22 January is Homeless Sunday. BL had attended a very moving prayer service at the URC on Barry Road.
Some parishioners had attended the Manna Centre AGM before Christmas.
 - vi **Interfaith group** – a group that meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Quaker House, Brixton Hill. Parishioners should be informed of this event via our newsletter.
- 7. **Lent and Easter**
Ash Wednesday is on 1 March (Easter Sunday 16 April) and CAFOD Fast Day is on 10 March. There will be a Mass at 7am on each Wednesday in Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday. Any local events will be advertised in the newsletter.
- 8. **Refugee Project**
The current occupant leaves on 27 January. We have not yet been informed whether JRS have someone else to move in.
- 9. **Any Other Business**
None.
- 10. **Next Meeting**
Next meeting: **Friday 10 March 2017 at 7.30pm.**