

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Committee on 26th September 2022

Present: Fr Pawel, Deacon Martin, James Carmichael, Christine Flood, Tanya, April Redding , Lydia, Helen, Bernadette Long.

Absent: Anthony Seidu

Meeting began with a welcome and a prayer led by Fr Pawel

Minutes of previous meeting on 26th April

Minutes were agreed and approved

Targets making progress:

*Christine has been leading on the sterling work that has been done to tackle the brambles. It will be a long process because of the thickness of the brambles and the fact they continue to grow back after clearing! Eventually that area will be reseeded and or turfed once clear of brambles and because of this it is not appropriate to use weedkiller. Thanks to great team of volunteers

Suggested that if a Saturday was arranged there may be more volunteers to help. Christine will arrange this. **Action Christine**

*Fr Pawel stated that all AGM reports have now been received. Fr Pawel will liaise with Josie re reports and a format and a date will then be arranged. **Action Fr Pawel**

*Teas and coffees after Mass has been reintroduced after the 11am Mass. There are 4 teams who are on a rota until Christmas. Parishioners are appreciative that this is back. Unfortunately, there weren't volunteers for the other Masses

*Review of the Parish Directory – Alfredo sent a copy to Jim for updating. This was discussed and once completed it will be uploaded onto the Parish Website. Jim will check certain names in roles **Action Jim**

*It was decided by Fr Pawel and Martin that because of the required paperwork, insurance etc the parish hall will not be hired out to anyone but the parish.

*Novena prayers were handed out and all taken after Masses recently as a way to continue to reach out to the parish

*Socially since the last meeting we have celebrated a successful St Simons feast day with many parishioners volunteering to help and attending.

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- Alfredo suggested that we ask parishioners to update the list of talents/skills that they were willing to share for the benefit of the parish. Josie already updates the database with this when new parishioners complete forms. However we need to extrapolate this information and keep it separately for ease of access when certain skills/talents are needed. Christine and Fr Pawel can move the database to Excel so the required information can be extrapolated in a relevant format. **Action Christine and Fr Pawel**

- As the last parish census was about 5 years ago it was suggested we ask parishioners to complete/update one. It will need to meet current data protection laws. **Action Fr Pawel to check with Diocesan toolkit re this**

- In liaison with Fr Pawel, Alfredo often seeks quotes for works required . He will have a separate email account organised which is more professional than his home account. **Action Fr Pawel**

- A letter was received from a parishioner asking that the 9am Mass be reinstated at St Benedict's. After discussion it was agreed that this was no longer a feasible option especially as numbers are currently quite high at 9am Mass at the church. A letter will be sent re the outcome of the discussion. **Action Jim**

- Dates for the Christmas Fayre was agreed as Saturday 26th November. Helen stated that UCM would be happy to help and produce things to sell as usual

Date for next meeting

January 2023 – final date to be determined