

Liturgy Group Meeting  
Thursday 29 August 2019

Minutes

1. Fr George opened the meeting with prayers
2. Present; Fr George, Karen Tinkler, Mike Pilley, Tony Clark, Stephanie Hill, Frances Woodhams, Les Ayling, Joan Ayling, Penny Ward, Martha Byrne-Hill, Andrea Brewster, Ian Riley. All gave their permission for their names to be printed.
3. Matters arising from the last meeting
  - It was agreed to use a Crucifix for Good Friday
  - As only 4 comments were received regarding preference for said or sung mass on Saturday (2 for, 2 against) Fr George is to discuss with the organist as to when it is convenient for her
  - Regarding reflection on Spiritual matters, as this is the year of the Word of God, it was felt that it was worth our while to do something along this line. It was suggested that we do this during Advent
4. Reports and issues from each of the Ministeries.

SACRISTY.

The team continue their assistance to Fr George.

SERVERS

A young parishioner has expressed his interest in becoming a server. Although he hasn't made his First Holy Communion, he is to see the catechists to start his preparations

The use of a crucifer / thurifer at funerals has begun. It was suggested that this be done by a Eucharistic member and then given to Father on the altar, rather than him going into the Sacristy as this was felt disrespectful.

MUSIC

Some Hymns are too slow therefore lose the thread of what the hymn is saying to you.

Hymns should be chosen alongside the liturgy.

This is not a problem at St. Mary's.

Mixed views on Sundays without an organist.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Comment was made again on the exemplary reverence shown by all ministers.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Going very well, along with people's willingness to step in for one another.

CATECHISTS

This caused a great deal of discussion, from many angles.

The fact that Laudatio Sii was fruitful.

Should we have a pilgrimage day as a Parish?

A Diocesan Day is to go on the agenda for the P.P.C to be decided as to what we discuss and pass onto Parishioners as to what the recommendations are.

It was commented on how special our Church is and how we have a responsibility for the past the present and the future, that this should be documented in a form of welcome pack.

It was also discussed as to whether we should have spiritual days for the Parish, or the wider community inviting other churches. As Pope Francis has said we should be missionary Parishes. This could be people sharing their spiritual journeys and experiences, Bible study, sharing the word of God. A Forum for people to come to, whether it be for the company, not necessarily the spiritual side. Also their Journey, story , a forum to give people the courage for expressing themselves.

It was suggested that we need to know who the sick of our Parish are so that we may pray for them. It was commented on that the Meditation in art used during Lent had been very important, on a personal level and spiritually rewarding. The resource used was The Art of Lent. A painting a day from Ash Wednesday. The paintings were used for prayerful response during the first 4 days of Holy Week.

Day One SILENCE – Holy Island from LamLash 1994 Craigie Aitchison

Day Two CONTEMPLATION – Still Life with Ginger Pot II 1911-12 Piet Mondrain

Day Three JOY – Pink bowl with grapes 1992 Craigie Aitchison

Day Four LOVE – Easter Sunday 2010 Mark Cazalet

There is a meeting to be held on quiet days and prayfulness and how beneficial they can be.

It was also noted that the canonisation of Cardinal Newman is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and that this should be celebrated.

## CLEANING

Efficient as always.

## FLOWERS

The new team is working well

## WELCOMERS

Are doing an exceptional job and have been complemented on the welcome they give especially by visitors to our parish.

## 5. Forth coming events.

Wed 4 Sept	KMS Churches Together 1.30pm
Thurs 5 Sept	PPC Meeting 8.00pm
Sun 8 Sept	Exposition & Benediction 6.00pm
Tues 10 Sept	Julian Prayer Group St Chad's 6.30 -7.30pm
Fri 4 Oct	CAFOD FAST DAY
Tues 8 Oct	Julian Prayer Group St Chad's 6.30 -7.30pm
Sun 13 Oct	Exposition & Benediction 6.00pm
Sat 26 Oct	CLOCKS GO BACK
Sun 3 Nov	All Souls Service (Methodists) 6.30pm
Thurs 7 Nov	PPC Meeting 8.00pm
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Service at St Chad's 9.00am Exposition & Benediction 4.00pm
Tues 12 Nov	Julian Prayer Group St Chad's 6.30- 7.30pm
Sun 8 Dec	Exposition & Benediction 4.00pm
Tues 10 Dec	Julian Prayer Group St Chad's 6.30 -7.30pm

Advent Services and events are to be formalised.

6. Any other business?

Nothing was raised.

7. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 9 January 2020 8.00pm

8. The meeting concluded with prayers and thanks for a wonderful turn out.