

**Our Lady of Grace RC Church,
Cotgrave Nottingham.
Parish Pastoral Council – Minutes of the Meeting 13th January 2011**

Present

Fr Greg Tobin, Anne Ferguson, John Murray, Clive Spalding and Vanessa Ward

Apologies

Maureen Jarvis

Minutes of the previous meeting

JM asked Michael Groves if he could bring copies of the Diocesan paper from The Holy Spirit to Our Lady. Michael not sure. FG to ask Michael.

FG to mention at Mass that key fob holders should wait for the gates to open before trying again. Have problems with the gates getting out of sync.

JM spoke with Jim Robinson about the weeds waiting to be dealt with. Waiting for better weather.

Community service to carry on with weeding/gardening when the weather improves.

AF ordered the second wedding kneeler, which has arrived.

The charity shop improvements have not started due to different reasons.

A rota for greeters has been setup and this is going well.

VW emailed Peter Swarbrick to include a message in the news letter for organists to play at the 11 o'clock mass. There was no response.

Matters arising not covered in the agenda

None

Correspondence

A letter from our neighbour.

Financial Report

AF has not been able to do the report up to date due to other commitments, but the bank balance is still good.

It was suggested that the congregation know in advance that there will be a second collection for the church quota, and what the quota is for, i.e. explained in more detail.

Ecumenical Report

Not much change from the previous meeting. FG mentioned that the Methodist minister goes to the West Bridgford ecumenical group.

FG to ask Michael Groves about starting the ecumenical group again.

Church Refurbishment update

Fencing

Okay.

Car Park

Okay. Held well in the bad weather.

Garden

As discussed as part of previous minutes.

CP mentioned a memorial (this has been discussed before). JM suggested a shrine of 'Our Lady'. The far corner behind the shop was suggested. Will look at this suggested site in the spring.

Evaluation of Christmas arrangements

The evening Mass was full.

Had a parishioner from West Bridgford to play the organ at the 11 o'clock Mass on Christmas morning. FG asked AF to send the parishioner (Paul Mather) a thank you card and cheque.

FG suggested only having one Mass for Christmas as Father Stanley was disappointed with the turnout on Christmas morning.

Music in the Liturgy

We don't always have an organist as Richard Clogg works some Sundays.

No longer have a music group which was led by Bernie Groves.

FG to ask Bernie Groves if she will re form the music group, and look at the possibility of getting younger musicians involved.

A.O.B.

None.

Next meeting (at 7:30p.m.)

16th June 2011