

# St Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council

## Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Gerald.

### Welcome and Apologies

**Members present:** Trish Clyde - Chair, Fr Gerald, Stuart Irvine, Maire Crawford, Annette Barnett, Claire Reid, Edwina Cummings, Kate McKay, Kate Sherman, Mary Frances Murray,

**Also present** Jo Kemp and Francis Maxwell representing The Thomas Bagnell Centre, New Abbey.

**Apologies:** Gerald McGill, Kevin Jones, Shona Payne, Graeme Campbell

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### Matters Arising:

1. Following Fr Gerald **Jubilee celebrations** Trish Clyde has given thank you cards to Carol McQueen for the refreshments in the hall and to Abbie, Carol's niece, who made the cake.
2. **Tabernacle update.** The project is ongoing. Some decisions have been made as to the location and appearance of the tabernacle. Mary Buckley has contacted suppliers re the cost of the supply of a tabernacle to fit the setting in St Andrew's. The committee will be meeting soon to take the project forward.
3. **Thomas Bagnell Centre:**  
Jo Kemp gave us a summary of activities in the centre:  
Talks by various guests are going well.  
A fundraiser will be held in October in Shambellie House with a talk given by Tom McCartney.  
The Carol Service will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.  
Fr Gerald has had an enquiry for a wedding at St Mary's.  
Bank statements were made available for members to see and the group discussed ways of improving the income of the centre by better publicity, promotion of the centre as a wedding venue or a venue for groups like the Boys Brigade. It was suggested that a Facebook page for the centre would help.
4. **Singing Children of Africa.**  
Maire spoke about the visit. The children will be in the parish from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Posters will be used to promote the event once the venue for the Monday night concert is confirmed (NOTE: now confirmed as St Teresa's). The group discussed ways to promote the visit. Annette and Claire will arrange for school children and Pope Francis Award candidates to use radio interviews to get the news out. Claire Reid suggests having the kids out to St Columba's for the first time. Maire appeals for donations of suitcases and clothes. She will also be looking for help with host families, transport and publicity.

### AOCB

- **Safeguarding** – all pvg holders in the parish have been required to attend level 1 training. Rebecca Crosbie and Anne Murdy are standing down as coordinators. Susan Leask has volunteered to take over.
- **Christmas Dinner** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Other Christmas arrangements to be discussed at next meeting.
- **Inservice Evening for all ministries** will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. It had been intended to bring in a speaker Fr Andrew MacKenzie to lead this event but he was unable to make the dates suggested. Fr Gerald will speak instead. A parishioner from each ministry will then speak about his/ her role as reader/Eucharistic minister/welcomer etc. The purpose of the evening is as development for current ministers and recruitment of new ones.
- **Deanery PPC June 2018.** Bishop Nolan spoke of the need for evangelisation. Fr Gerald asked for suggestions as to how we might do this. Suggestions were: opening the church more, having more information available in the foyer about the church, more social events within the parish, more events for families and groups.

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.