

**Minutes of St Mary of the Rosary joint Parish Council and  
Finance Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Present:**

Father Sean Hall, PPC President  
Una Humble (PPC Chair)  
Sue Fallon  
Pauline Lundgren  
Simon Rayson (Finance Committee Chair)  
Anne Sutherland  
Joanne Thompson  
Peter Tindall, minutes

The meeting opened with prayer led by Fr Sean.

**Welcome and Apologies:**

Apologies were received from:

Bill Brown  
Larry Cardozo  
Kate Elliott, School Representative Sue Faller  
Veronica Hargreaves  
David Henderson  
Malcolm Thompson

**Actions and updates:**

- **Coffee rota** – volunteers are coming forward and coffee has commenced after Mass on Sunday mornings.
- **Music rota** – now available via the website
- **Doors** - The door to the kitchen has been upgraded. The door between the Presbytery and the Church is to be repaired. The external door to the garden will have to be replaced.  
**Fr Sean to progress.**
- **Sound system** has been upgraded and training provided.
- **Children's Liturgy** – meeting arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> November to see who turns up but not yet clear when the Children's Liturgy can commence and to enable DBS to be put in place. The Diocese offers training on a Saturday but it is not always possible for volunteers to attend.
- Fr Sean has spoken to Andy Farmer but no significant advice on **reducing costs for heating** was available.
- **Committee meeting agendas** – an agenda will be prepared for future meetings ensuring that finance is a standing item backed up with information on current financial figures.

**Discussion and other items:**

Music Licences – upgraded licenses are required if Mass is livestreamed. It is planned to continue streaming Mass and other occasional services.

£10k to be transferred from the deposit account to the current account to provide additional flexibility to deal with fuel costs etc.

A second handrail for the stairs to the choir loft is to be costed

**Joanne will progress this**

**Scripture Reflection Group** – currently held fortnightly on a Thursday evening at St Aidan's jointly with St Theresa's and live streamed. It has been suggested that a second group be offered at St Mary's after the Tuesday morning Mass on the alternative weeks, commencing in the new year.

Bp Robert is visiting the parish on the first weekend in December. Further details will be confirmed.

## **Christmas**

11<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Advent/Carol Service and information about the work of Friends of the Holy Land with Christians in Palestine and Israel and the opportunity to purchase olive wood gifts.

Natalie has suggested a Christmas raffle – tickets could be available 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December and the draw to take place after Mass on 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Joanne will check if there is a current Lottery Licence in place**

Christmas Masses: Christmas morning masses are typically poorly attended but vigil masses full. It was agreed not to put in place any booking requirements etc for the Vigil masses. There was some discussion about the possibility of holding an additional Vigil Mass at St Aidan's.

***It has been suggested:***

4pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at St Aidan's

6pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's

10am Christmas morning Mass at St Mary's

**Fr Sean will discuss this option further.**

Pat has sent Joanne Christmas Cards to send to prisoners as in previous years. These could be completed on the first Sunday of Advent.

Steph as offered to run an activity for younger children – this could be combined with the card signing.

**Joanne will discuss further with Steph.**

Veronica is organizing the Christmas Tree.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next joint meeting will be held on Wednesday.25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Father Sean.