

Minutes of St Margaret's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on 27th January 2021 .

In Attendance:- Fr Chris, Tim, Tom Condie, Bernadette, Iain, Tom Canning, Barbara, Colin, Mike, Marie ,Martin ,Catherine, George.

Opening prayer was lead by Fr Chris .

The minutes of the previous meeting (9th December 2020) were approved .

Matters arising from the last meeting :-

Pandemic questionnaire - feedback is still awaited .

Building Work Update :-

St Margaret's - Work on steps at side entrance with lift for disabled access is ongoing and will be completed soon .

The bust of St Margaret has been restored .

Fr Chris informed us that all the work on the church is of the very highest quality and in keeping with our beautiful church .

Holy Name :- Tom Canning asked if tradesmen we had employed could now review the work required on the steps at the main entrance .

Review of Mass attendance / Covid Restrictions :-

No public Masses are taking place at the moment due to restrictions which are expected to continue for at least a few weeks more .

Funerals are allowed with a maximum of 20 in attendance and weddings can have a maximum of 5. Next wedding is booked for end March.

Streamlined Masses are continuing daily and Rosary and Benediction in now being streamed on Tuesday evening .

Preparations for Lent (Ash Wednesday 17th February) :-

Services will probably have to be streamed unless some restrictions are relaxed.

The Stations are usually organised by our Church Groups , it was suggested that a small book ,with contributions from each group could be compiled .

The Lent Scripture Sharing Groups can be done virtually if desired.

Finance:-

Annual Returns:-

Holy Name - £13,608.93 - Offertory collections.

St. Margaret's - £81,749 - Offertory collections (2020). (£93,116.93 - 2019).

Building Fund - £15,013. (2020). £24,724.19 (2019).

Web Site :- Fr Chris' messages and Newsletters are continuing weekly .

Iain encouraged us to use the Web Site .

Tom Canning hopes to supply some news items from Holy Name .

A.O.C.B :- Tom informed the meeting that the bills for the roof work and the hedges have been received . The Gas bill has increased for Holy Name.

Safeguarding Update :-

The Safeguarding audit for the year has been completed for Holy Name but is still awaited for St Margaret's .

Safeguarding Forms have now been slightly changed .

Safeguarding will now appear as a regular item on future agendas .

As there was no other business the meeting closed with a prayer .

Next meeting :- Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm via Zoom