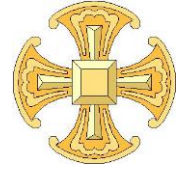




**JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
OF ST PATRICK'S, WELLINGTON AND
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST LUKE, TRENCH**
*Parishes in the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury – a
Registered Charity.*



Members: Fr Alban Greenwood (FrA), John Maher (JM), Bobbie Maher (BM), Pauline Heffernan (PH) Philip Williams (PW), Sue Harris (SH), Mary-Jane Harris (MJH), Edith Bayley (EB), Dianne Kidd (DK), Matt O'Neill (MO'N), Janet Beyer (JB), Gay Kendrick (GK), AJ Kuttige (AJ), Geraldine Moruzzi (GM), Sheila Torabi (ST), Ros Hargrave (RH), Martin Doran (MDO), Mary Davis (MD) and Lottie Jiekel (LJ).

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 5th February 2019

Present: Fr Alban Greenwood (FrA), John Maher (JM), Bobbie Maher (BM), Pauline Heffernan (PH) Philip Williams (PW), Matt O'Neill (MO'N), Martin Doran (MDO), Janet Beyer (JB), Gay Kendrick (GK), Ros Hargrave (RH), Edith Bayley, A J Kuttige (AJ), Sheila Torabi (ST) and Ann Neilson (Note Taker) AN.

1. **Opening Prayer** – The meeting was opened with a prayer by GK.
2. **Apologies** - Maureen Saunders, Geraldine Moruzzi, Dianne Kidd, Sue Harris, Mary-Jane Harris and Lottie Jiekel.
3. **Notification of “Any Other Business”**
The retreat on the 23rd March
4. **Minutes of previous meeting-**
The previous minutes were agreed as a true record with the exceptions that item 5 should read Wrockwardine Wood Church not School and Sheila Torabi's name had been omitted from the list of members present.
5. **Matters Arising –**
Work on the stonework at St Patrick's continues.
The office alterations at St Patrick's are now being planned and will be executed in the near future.
The design fault with the guttering at Our Lady's is still being investigated.
The Intruder Alarm at Our Lady's has finally been repaired at a cost of just over £1200.
Susan Conneeley is the catholic representative on the chaplaincy Team at Holy Trinity.
The Autumn Concert raised £609 for Severn Hospice.
Advent, Christmas and New Year Services went well. Crib figures at Our Lady's are still different sizes – a new set will be purchased this year.
Signs outside the building have been altered to reflect the new Mass times – it was noted that a new sign was needed to stop parking on a Sunday after Mass.

AN to do

6. Parish/ Churches Update

St Patrick's First Communions are now into their third week of preparation with 35 children. Children's Liturgy is also very successful – numbers swelled to 51 this week.

Eucharistic Ministers at St Patrick's are experiencing difficulties when distributing communion from the Chalice because of traffic to the toilets, this is aggravated by the additional chairs that have been put there. It was agreed that no extra rows of chairs would be put by the confessionals in future.

There was also discussion about the chaotic way in which parishioners at St Patrick's process to communion. It was decided, that in future with the assistance of ushers, the choir and altar servers would have communion first and then beginning at the back of the church parishioners would process to communion.

Our Lady & St Luke's First Communions are now into their third week of preparation, two additional children joined this week. It was requested that there should be two First Forgiveness Services as there is a large number of children this year.

Fr A to Action

The meeting rooms at both churches require painting. Volunteers will be asked to come forward one Saturday to complete this task.

Fr A to Action

A plumber is needed to replace the tap in the disabled toilet and to look at one of the toilet seats in the ladies at Our Lady's.

7. Schools Updates

St Patricks School –

The recent Ofsted was good and so the next Ofsted will not be for another 4 years.

St Patrick's school has 257 pupils currently attending and is over subscribed for the September intake.

In Advent the children took Mission Boxes home to raise funds for Mission Together.

Christmas Stations of the Cross were well supported by parents and the choir was excellent. The Mini-Vinnies took a door collection for Myanga and raised £221.

Mini-Vinnies also arranged an Afternoon Tea for senior parishioners with entertainment from reception class and the choir – 40 people attended.

Plans for this year include a Mission Week, Ash Wednesday Mass in school, the Bishop celebrating Mass on the 15th March as part of their 60 years celebration and a Cafod Fast Day for Lent. Work across the Federation is progressing well.

*St Luke's School –*The school is full and oversubscribed. Space is at a premium and the school is looking at potential ways to increase the numbers of classrooms and request the churches support in their endeavours.

There was a Prayer Trail in church one day in Advent for the children which was very successful. Next year it is planned to leave the Prayer Trail in church for several days so that parishioners can see what the children are doing.

The Carol Service was successful and was well attended.

The Federation is working well and St Peter & St Paul school now has a catechist to work with the first Communion children – currently they have 17 children.

8. Social Events Update

A date was set for the next Social Committee meeting – 26th February 19:15 at Our Lady's. The Committee will arrange a celebration for St Patrick's Day, as well as plan other events for both parishes.

The Christmas Raffle at Our Lady's raised £620.80 but sadly expenses were £449. It was discussed that in past years donations had been asked for towards the money prizes. Unfortunately, this was not done this year, largely because no one had advised Fr Alban of this procedure. Thanks were expressed to the school/parents for the amount of items donated: a spare hamper was given to the CWL which was used as a raffle prize, for which they were grateful.

There was discussion around the timing of raffles as parishioners have lots of requests for money.

9. Plans for Lent, Triduum/Easter

Laminated Stations of the Cross have been purchased for Our Lady's.

After discussion it was decided to hold a meeting for Choir leaders and Fr Alban to discuss the Lent & Easter Services. Services are likely to be held in the same venues as last year. The meeting will be held at Our Lady's on the 25th February at 19:15.

10. Telford in Lourdes 2019

The dates this year are 25th July - 2nd August. Due to the increased costs of the train, it has been decided this year to travel by coach - £545 or by plane £720. Following discussion, it was decided that jointly our parishes would sponsor a parishioner to go to Lourdes and an accompanying carer if needed.

11. Parishioner Points

- Terry Locket was concerned that there had been no mention in the Parish Newsletter of the recent celebrations for the 60th anniversary of St Patrick's School and asked the PPC to discuss the possibility that a representative from each school could be invited to attend PPC meetings.

Following discussion, it was noted that a request for associated memorabilia about St Patrick's anniversary was in the newsletter before the event, but details of the event itself were not communicated to the parish Newsletter. The event was covered successfully in Facebook which resulted in the attendance of many ex-pupils, some from some distance away.

It was recognised however that not everyone uses social media, but it was also advertised in local press.

Currently two members of the PPC have close links to each of our schools and it is not planned at this time to ask each school to send a liaison person to our meetings, as has happened in previous years. Our teachers and those working in school have many more pressures in terms of paperwork and teaching than in previous years and it would be unfair to ask them to take on another role. Fr Alban will write to Terry advising him of the decision.

- St Luke's school is having difficulty preparing children for the Family Mass which is scheduled once a month when possible. The Catechists who are preparing our children for 1st Communion have agreed to prepare a few of the children for the next Family Mass in February. Circumstances mean that the next Family Mass will not be till June and it is hoped that the children's Liturgy Group will be able to take on the role of preparing children for future Family Masses.
- Dianne Kidd has been trying to establish a youth-based choir to lead our services at Our Lady's on a regular basis, but although several singers have come forward, sufficient competent musicians have not yet been found. Efforts will continue to find more musicians.

12. Any Other Notified Business

More details were requested about the Deanery Retreat planned at Our Lady's on the 23rd March but other than the details that are already in the newsletter nothing else is known.

Planning for the AGM to be included in the agenda at the next meeting

Fr A to Action

13. Date of Next Meeting – 14th May 2019, 19:15 at St Patrick's.

Prayer Leaders – M O'N opening and PW closing

The meeting was closed with a prayer by JB