

friends who are also housebound. Now the church has a firmly established structure, you may approach Fr and take communion to a friend who is unable to come to Mass at present.

Aftermath of COVID - If you know of someone who has not yet returned but may wish to do so, perhaps a bulletin might be helpful through their door

Fr Jim thanked all those involved in groups of the parish and we ended with a prayer and our hymn.

Future meetings Thursdays 6th Feb. 3rd Apr 5th June 2025 from 7pm till 9pm.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of our meetings.

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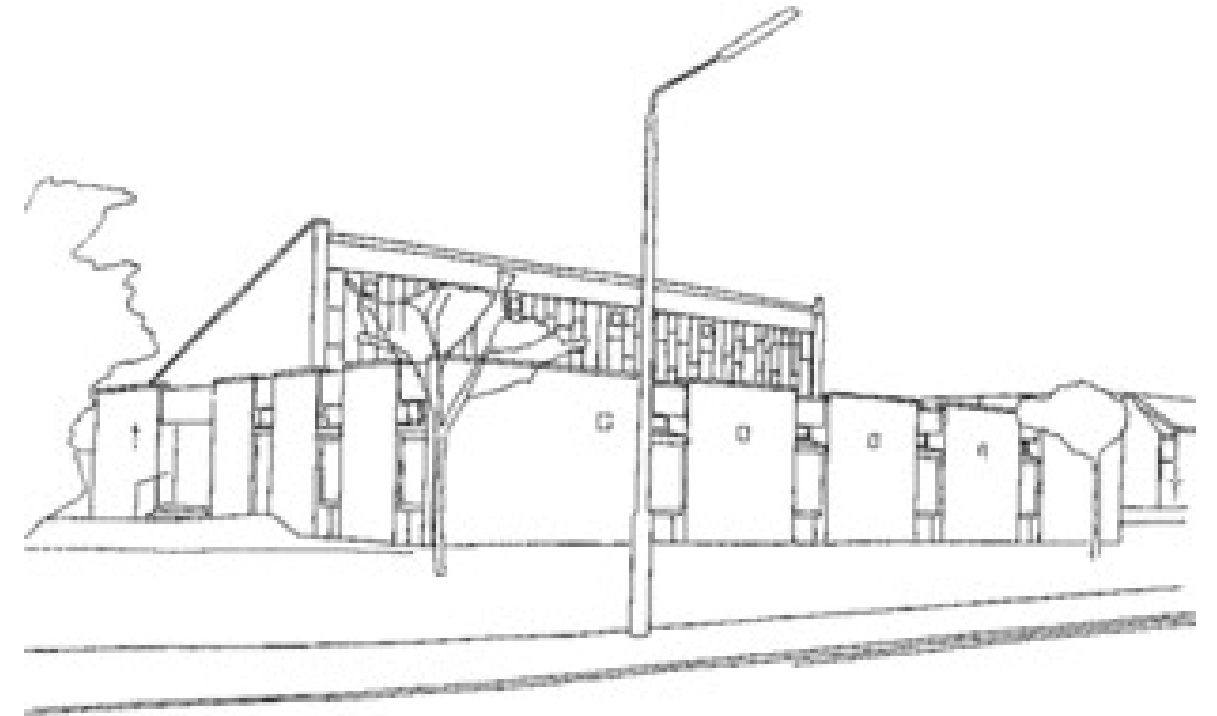
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

7th November 2024

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Jim, Michael Thomson, John Goodwin, Maureen Bradley, Stephen Duff, Maureen Walsh, Ann Gillion, Frances Boyle, Margaret Pattison, Fred Stacey, Cherry Stacey, Margaret Merrick.

*Welcome and Prayer lead by Fr. Jim

* Maureen (Bradley) agreed to take a Minute of the meeting.

* Matters arising from previous meeting:

Thanks to all who contributed to celebration of Sr. Juliet's return to the parish. She was delighted at the warmth of the welcome.

Mission Talks went well and parish was pleased to be a support to one another and to Fr. Martin's family. Both parishes have benefitted from sharing and prayer

New lectionaries have now arrived

English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) with Abbey Psalter is to be used in our liturgy. Texts will be a more direct translation from original but should not sound too different. Layout is sight reading format to help delivery.

Congregation will receive advice leaflets to help and Ministers of the Word will attend training on 14th November in the hall beginning at 7pm. New Sunday Missals will be available at the stall and Fred and Cherry are willing to take orders.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday will take place in St Matthew's on 24th November and representatives from our schools will read etc

Deanery Pastoral Council

Bishop Frank wishes to encourage cooperation and development through our parish pastoral councils . A Deanery Pastoral Council will meet on 3rd December in St. Joseph's Hall at 7pm. Fr. Jim is looking for 3 volunteers to attend . This group will plan the DPC event to be held on Sat. 24th May 2025 11am – 4pm.

Advent & Christmas

Christmas Eve Mass in St Matthew's 6pm

Christmas Day Mass 10am

Crib will be at front of altar

Advent Quiet Evening of Reflection will be organised by Fran Boyle - Date to be decided

Advent Reconciliation to be held on Deanery level at OLMC on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm.

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis will open A Holy Door on Christmas Eve to begin the Jubilee Year. Bishop Francis

will launch the Jubilee Year in the cathedral during Christmas Week - details yet to be published.

The document, Lumen Gentium (Vatican 11), will be the focus of a Day of Reflection in St. Joseph's Hall on Sat. 29th 2025 11 am – 4pm to which all the people of the Deanery are invited. The format of the day will be a round robin presentation (approx.. 15 mins) of the 8 chapters of the document.

Bishop Frank's pastoral visit

Will be on Sunday 23rd February 2025 when he will celebrate our Sunday Liturgy with us. He will also confirm our P.4 children during an extra Mass at 3pm in the afternoon.

RCIC

Reconciliation - Thursday 20th March at 7pm

First Holy Communion – Sundays in June 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

Confirmation Consultation

Has already begun informally

RCIA

As there are no candidates this year the team has begun to make a library of resources for parish use.

Finance & Fabric Com.

Now that transfer of accounts to meet new software has been completed and Fr Jim and John McLean are trained and signed into paperless system, delayed actions should be able to proceed. F&F Com should meet soon.

Electrical system throughout the building requires attention.

F & F Com. to quickly establish Health and Safety & Insurance implications.

Parish Groups

Children's Liturgy supporting RCIC

Foodbank – averaging 20 clients per week / links with other churches. John asked for help to adjust contact info on noticeboard.

Community Lunch / Bags of Shopping continues, attempting to meet need

Hall – good decision to reserve Thursdays and Sundays for Church use

Women's Spirituality Group- Good company as well as shared prayer – followed by cup of tea and chat.

Freespace -Retreat to Largs on 19th Nov. Promotion an idea?

Church Cleaners – Thanks to all Church looking good!

Safeguarding – Marjorie McInnes continues to develop a network to support the vulnerable and those involved in serving them. Enquiry made about safeguarding requirements when visiting