

Deaneries are to host an event. St Joseph's Deanery will host on Saturday 29th March from 11am till 4pm on the Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium.

Bishop Frank's Pastoral Visit to OLMC

This will take place at 11.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd February 2025 at which time he will confirm our young people eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RCIC

Confirmation as stated above will take place during the Bishop's visit to the Parish on 23rd February 2025.

Reconciliation - OLMC 19th March 2025 at 7pm

First Communion Day OLMC Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 11.30 am Mass - 10 children

CONFIRMATION CONSULTATION

As discussed at our last meeting the view of this Parish is that confirmation should revert back to Primary 7. Galloway is currently the only Diocese to hold Confirmation in the same year as First Communion and Reconciliation.

RCIA 2024/25

OLMC has one Candidate this year who will be welcomed as an Candidate on the first Sunday in Advent-1st December at 11.30am Mass.

FINANCE

Fr Jim stated the gutters will need to be cleared around the Church and House. The mess caused by pigeons around the front entrance was discussed.

SAFEGUARDING

Alice Brown and Fr Jim gave an update on Safeguarding practices in the Parish and Diocese.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 5th February 2025 Wednesday 2nd April 2025 and Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.30pm. We agreed to keep to the Wednesdays so as to participate in the 7pm Mass beforehand.

15) The meeting ended with a prayer and a hymn.

Signed: John Hebron

Minute Secretary

Signed: Fr Jim

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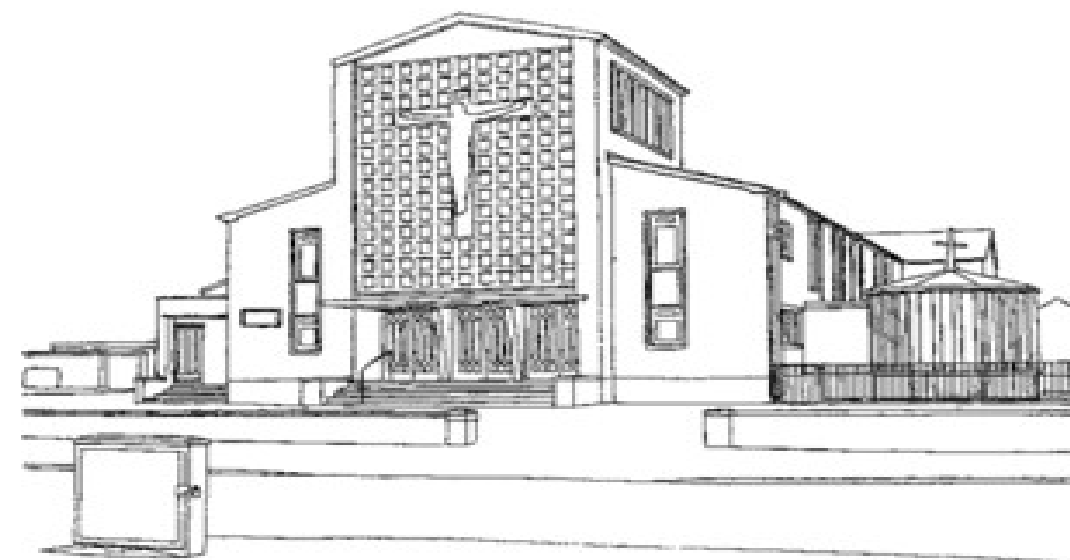
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

6th November 2024

MINUTES

1} Father Jim welcomed everyone and invited all present to join in the opening prayer.

2) ATTENDEES- Those present were noted as:

Fr Jim Hayes, Sister Mabel, Alice Brown, Celia McQueen, Jean Murphy, Colette Lamberth, Suzy Hollywood, Sister Juliet, Linda Hefron, John Hefron, Alec Roy, Irene Roy, Pat Templeton.

Matters arising

Sister Juliet

Sister Juliet was welcomed back home to Our Lady of Mount Carmel after her Perpetual Profession, Fr Jim stated he felt the Mass had been a great success and wished his appreciation be noted to all who helped to organise and assist in the Mass and celebrations afterwards. Special mention was made for Brian and Graham who placed bunting around the House and carpark for Sisters, return. Jean Murphy and the Music Ministry were praised for their musical support of this Mass. Suzy Hollywood, Agnes Clark and their team were thanked for the hospitality provided after the Mass.

Sister Juliet wished her thanks to the Parish be noted for their support, the Mass and gifts, adding that she particularly appreciated the Piper.

MISSION TALKS

Father Jim stated that this years topic of "The Missionary spirit of Father Martin" had been well attended and received. Fr Jim highlighted inputs by Father Martin's family and friends as well as HCPT Group 138 which were provided over the five evenings. At the last evening a cheque to the value of £1,250 was presented to Fr Martin's family for the benefit of the Martin Chamber Ecuador Trust, which they will continue to support.

Security of the Church and the House

Father Jim informed the group that after a number of windows had been broken in the house and Church a new fence had been erected to the rear of the Church on ground previously occupied by the Church Hall. On the advice of the Police "Anti Climb Paint" has been applied to the drain pipes around the house and Church along with the necessary signage. Fr Jim advised that as this has now been done the next step would be to replace the broken windows. John Hefron agreed to liaise with a local glazier and have this attended to.

AGENDA ITEMS

NEW LECTIONARY ADVENT 2024

Father Jim advised that the new Lectionaries are now here and will be introduced from Advent 2024. This will result in some changes for readers and the singing of the Psalm. To this end there will be a Training Day for Ministers of the Word on 14th November at 7pm.

An awareness leaflet explaining the changes will be provided to the congregation.

Fr Jim stated the new Lectionaries cost £800 and they were last reviewed 60 years ago.

Fr Jim further stated that those parishioners who wished to purchase their own Sunday Missals should ensure that they purchase the correct version as the Bishops in Scotland have chosen to use the English Standard Edition- Catholic Edition translation.

Catholic Education Sunday

This will be held on Sunday 24th November 2024 at the 11.30am Mass. Readers and speakers will be from our schools on this day.

Deanery Pastoral Council

Bishop Frank is keen for each Deanery to form a Deanery Pastoral Council which will report to a Diocesan Pastoral Council. It is hoped that each Parish in the Deanery would supply three representatives to form this group. A planning meeting will be held on 3rd December 2024 in St Joseph's Church Hall to prepare for the DPC on Saturday 24th May from 11am till 4pm again in St Josephs Church Hall. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this group should notify Father Jim.

Advent and Christmas Planning

Wednesday evening Mass at 7pm

Christmas Eve Mass - 8pm

Childrens Play at the Christmas Vigil Mass

Carols by Candlelight 15th December 7pm (Church will be open from 5pm)

Jubilee Year

Bishop Frank wishes the Diocese to hold four events during the year. Each of the four