

17) Repair to the Grotto

The Grotto had been damaged and following a survey by the builder, it is recommended that it be replaced, due to this it is suggested that it is relocated to the garden area and is part of our Jubilee Year project 'Garden of Hope' perhaps a bench too. The grotto being moved would allow the carpark to be upgraded and spaces marked out. Addition to previous minutes – Tree to be planted.

18) Parish Groups Round-Up

SSVP/UR Welcome – Got funding from CVO enabling them to start fortnightly groups, coming up is Tea Dance in Dumfries House and skills workshops from Emergency services, promoting Message in a bottle scheme. Thankful for the continued support from parish with donations of cash and food to support on-going delivery of services to those who require assistance.

19) Schools News

Friday Mass – 4th April

Stations of the Cross from Our Lady and St Johns now in place in the hall of School

Jacqueline McCreddie has taken over DHT post from Joanna McGahon who has been promoted as acting HT at St Sophie's, Galston.

20) Closing remarks, invocation, Blessing and hymn

Dates for future meetings -

Wednesday 4th June

Wednesday 10th September

Wednesday 12th November

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Begins with 7pm Mass till no later than 9pm.

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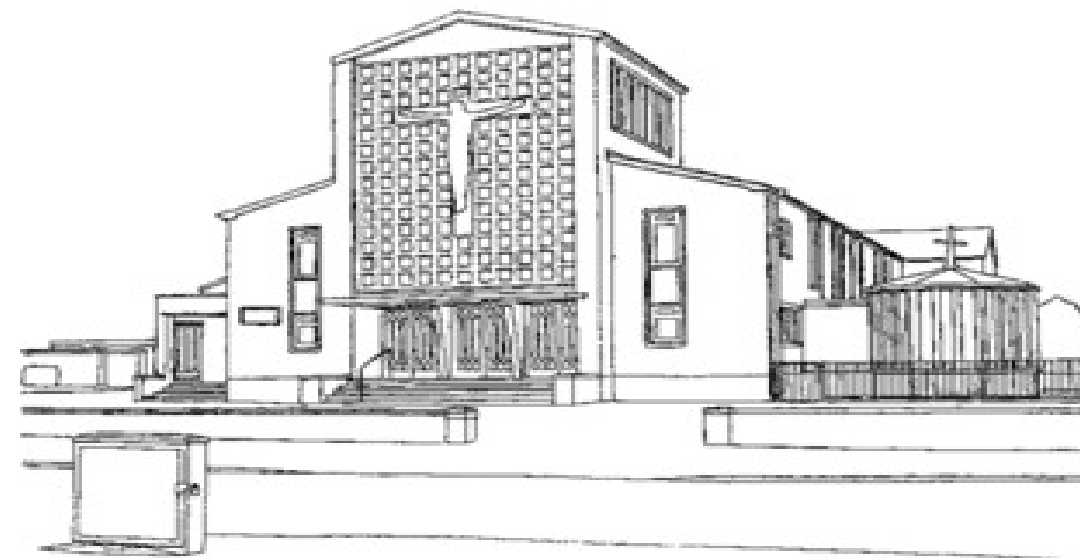
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

2nd April 2025



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, Linda Heron, Christine McGuire, Irene Roy, Alex Roy, Pat Templeton, Jean Murphy, Alice Brown, John Heffron, Marie Wilkie, Celia McQueen, Sr Marilyn Juliet, Sr Mary Mabel, and Suzy Hollywood.

3) Minutes of previous meeting 5th February 2025) – No issues

4) Matters arising /updates not already included – Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Ms Suzy Hollywood agreed to be Minute Secretary

5) Bishop Frank – Pastoral Visit – Sunday 23rd February

Children did well, Nice to meet and get to know Bishop Frank, good that he acknowledged that he lost sight of other parishes Fr Martin had served during his priesthood, his focus had been on Troon, and that he also thanked Fr Jim for his pastoral care given to the parishioners in both OLMC, St Matthew's and beyond, this thanks was echoed to Fr Jim by the attendees of the PPC.

6) Fr Martin Chambers RIP – Anniversary 10th April

1st Anniversary Mass – Thursday 10th April 7pm @ St Matthew's.

Memorial suggestions – Planting a tree in Dean Park initiative, discussion about how this would be a sapling and suggestion extended to planting a more mature tree within the newly revamped garden / Grotto within the parish grounds.

Mission month talks will cease and in its place a focus on Ecuador – fundraising etc

7) Pigeon Pest - Rentokil

Discussion and update around the mess at the front of the church with pigeons roosting in the stain glass window boxes and the toxic nature of their droppings. Fr Jim has made enquiries to Rentokil to clean and net the area, initial quote has come in at £5k. More quotes to be obtained, suggestions to contact councillor/environmental health for input and also parishioner Brian McDaid who may have contacts as in roofing trade.

8) The Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Banners in place on the Sanctuary, the jubilee prayers cards are available in the porch and any newsletters/leaflets produced now have the Jubilee Logo included until the end of 2025, this includes the livestreaming PowerPoint for Sunday Masses.

9) Jubilee Year Prep-Reflections on the documents of the Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium)

On Saturday 29th March 11am – 4pm in St Josephs Hall our reps (Celia, Irene and Graham) attended this meeting and presented their 15 minutes section on Universal Call to Holiness, they found it nerve wracking but very worthwhile as they learned loads from other groups who attended, Fr Jim said they did really well.

During the meeting they used post-its to gather notes/input which are to be collated and put together in a document.

The Sisters also presented on Evangelical Counsels (Poverty, Chastity and Obedience).

10)Safeguarding

We are all responsible for safeguarding within our ministries, all people in roles are up to date with PVG's and Sacristy sign-in being used by those not PVG'd for parish – Bishop Frank used it while here on his pastoral visit. Thanks to PSC's Alice and Charlie for overseeing this area.

11) IMH Sisters

Well done on representation at Jubilee Year Prep – Reflections – Evangelical Counsels.

Recently had visits from Regional Convents-Sr Colette from Perth and Sr Aran Ann – Rome.

All 3 Sisters will join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sr Rose will be on the medical team and Sr Mary Mabel and St Marilyn Juliet will be with Youth for Lourdes.

Sr Rose will be attending a meeting in Rome after Easter.

12)Lent & Easter Planning

Ash Wednesday – 5th March

Advent Wednesday evening Masses at 7pm (except 19/03/- Mass on Tuesday instead)

Holy Thursday – (17th April) at St Matthew's

Good Friday (18th April) at St Matthew's -3pm on OLMC at 5pm

Holy Saturday (19th April) MP in St Matthew's 10am

Easter Vigil (19th April) in St Matthew's at 9pm

Easter Sunday (20th April) in St Matthew's at 9.30am 11.30am OLMC

RCIA – Receptions at 11.30am Easter day Mass (20th April) – 2 Candidates in the parishes, Linzi and Liz – Rite of Election Sunday 9th March – St Margaret's Cathedral

13)RCIC 2024-2025 (11Families)

Confirmation Date – Sunday 23rd February 2025 at 11.30am Mass

Reconciliation – Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7pm

First Communion Day – Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 11.30am Mass

14) RCIA 2024-2025

2 Candidates Linzi and Liz – Scrutinies will be carried out during some of the Masses in Lent. 1 candidate already expressed interest for next years group.

15) Age of Confirmation consultation

Formal consultation for Confirmation age will take place in the coming months, following previous discussion the consensus remained Primary 4 for Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion the Primary 7 for Confirmation.

16) Fabric and Finance Committee

Raphael and Fr Jim have been working on and completed the Annual Finance Report for last year and submitted to the diocesan finance officer. Group will meet after Easter.