

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. MARGARET'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting 10.30am Friday 18th September 2015

Present: Canon Don, Angela Cass, Carole Wathey, Maree Davis,
Sue Dickinson, Anne Urquhart, Anne Travis.

Apologies: Joan Burkinshaw, Annette Scullion, Jo Fallon, D. Norton,
Simon Thirlwell.

1. Canon Don opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes from the 28th June meeting were approved.
3. The Care group was discussed. A date of 18th December had been suggested by M. Dyson, for the Christmas meal, at Windy Harbour, for the care group visitors.
4. Finance: A meeting of the finance committee had been held on 3rd September at which it was agreed that a copy of the year-end figures be left at the back of church for parishioners to read. C.W. reported that the bill for the church insurance was due for payment.
5. Vacancy for new members: Canon Don asked if this be left with him for now.
6. Day Retreat: D.N. was arranging this for the end of October.
7. Cleaning the statue of Our Lady: This has now been done and it was agreed that the work is very satisfactory.
8. The church grounds: The team are working on this, clearing roots and stones before either seeding or turfing the area.

Garden of Remembrance: M. D. had re-designed the garden to be low maintenance but with areas for spreading of ashes. M.D. said she will plant some low growing plants. It was agreed that the garden looked very good.
Canon Don thanked her for her work.

9. Bradbury House: The date for the next coffee morning Saturday 24th October.
10. Fund raising meal: A New date of Saturday 17th October was given and this event is to have a French theme. S.H./A.C.
11. De-cluttering in church: This is still continuing.

A.C. suggested putting up some racking in the cellar.
This was agreed.

A.C.

12. Extra chairs from the cellar for use at St. Margaret's as there are not enough for use at the Saturday Mass.
A.C. to speak to D. Hickey for agreement. A.C.
13. Well-Blessing: This had been extremely successful.
A suggestion was made that, next year, after the blessing the church remain open with parishioners on duty to provide tea and cakes to visitors.
This to be given consideration.
14. The new wax candles on the altar has not prove satisfactory, it was agreed that the oil filled ones are to be used again.
15. Setting up for the Saturday Mass at St. Margaret's: A rota to be prepared and the possibility of the name be put on the present list now used for readers, Eucharistic ministers, music etc.
A.C. agreed to arrange this with D.N. A.C.
16. Bishop Patrick will be visiting Philip Howard school on Tuesday 27th October. A.T. asked if there was anything that the parish could help with, eg. catering or clearing up. It was suggested that Martin O Connell be consulted on the matter. A.T.
17. Help for The Refugees: Some suggestions have been received but Canon Don asked if this could be a joint venture and requested that a couple of members get together with a couple of St. Charles' council members. To be arranged. A.C.
18. S.H. reported that she had been in touch with the council regarding fly tipping on the car park and was told that the council did not own the car park. S.H. had obtained a plan of the car park but it was still not clear who owned it. It was suggested that Susan Bann be asked to look at the plan. S.H.
19. A request had been received from St. Charles' for a joint social event be arranged. To be looked into. A.C.
20. Date for the next meeting: 2.00pm Sunday 1st November 2015