

## **Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

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**Present:** Father Vincent, Tricia Davies, Martin Hinnigan, Kathleen Joyce, Christine Martin, Teresa Quinn, (Chair), Rob Pickford, Brigid Rodgers.  
Paul Blake (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Helen Murphy, Albert Pace, Elizabeth Hitchens, Tony Matthews.

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.00.p.m.

#### **Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021:**

These minutes were approved. It was noted that an item would be placed in the newsletter in the next few weeks inviting parishioners to let Father Vincent know if there are any housebound parishioners who would welcome a visit.

#### **Steps to re-build and re-energise the parish:**

A discussion took place on steps that the Parish Pastoral Council could take to re-build and re-energise the parish as the national Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

The re-opening of the hall: prior to the meeting Martin Hinnigan as the Parish Health and Safety Representative had circulated a listing of what the diocese had indicated would be needed should the hall be brought into use before the present Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. It was agreed to adopt a 'common sense' approach and start offering refreshments in the presbytery garden after the Sunday morning Mass from 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Parish social event: it was agreed that a provisional date of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 would be set for a parish shared lunch in the presbytery garden after the morning Mass.

CaFE course on Celtic Spirituality: this could possibly take place starting in mid-September and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Contacting parishioners extending an invitation to them to return to Masses: it was agreed that making personal contact by telephone might be appropriate but that this should not take place until the present Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

If the present Covid-19 restrictions are lifted from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 it was hoped that many aspects of parish life could be reintroduced from the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. To plan for this it was agreed that:

Paul Blake would contact Jane Murphy about music at Mass, Christine Martin would contact the Depla family and the parish organist, and Rob Pickford would contact Hubie Dias.

Cecilia Blake would be asked to organise the weekly cleaning rota and look at arrangements for cleaning the brassware.

Teresa Quinn would prepare rotas for welcomers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and refreshments after Sunday Mass.

Teresa Quinn would contact those responsible for flower arrangements.

Rob Pickford would speak to Gabrielle Pickford about the children's Liturgy of the Word.

Father Vincent would prepare a rota for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday mornings.

If the national announcement due on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 indicates that the present Covid-19 restrictions are to be lifted from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, Paul Blake will prepare an item for the parish newsletter to be published on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 informing people of the changes to be introduced from the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> June 2021, including the fact that booking places for Masses and reserved seating would be discontinued. This newsletter item would also call for volunteers for readers at Saturday evening Masses, church cleaners, welcomers, musicians etc.

If the national announcement due on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 indicates that the present Covid-19 restrictions are to be delayed, then this newsletter announcement will be delayed.

### **Any other business:**

Father Vincent reported at a Requiem Mass for Kevin Bewley would take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 10.00.a.m.

Father Vincent reported that Bishop Declan is holding meetings with the clergy to discuss plans for the future organisation of the diocese. A series of meetings will be held for the laity over the four Saturdays in February 2022.

Teresa Quinn reported that she had been contacted by Ian Rodgers, a foundation governor at Saint Edmund's School, requesting that consideration be given to Louise Brown the Headteacher being given the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council as part of the desire to bring the school and parish closer together and for her to hear about some of the current issues in the parish. Teresa Quinn agreed to contact Louise Brown to arrange such a meeting, possibly in early September or on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

Christine Martin reported that there are two candidates for Baptism and that the preparation course would start from 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Parish Pastoral Council extended thanks to the catechists who had led the First Communion preparation programme.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00.p.m.** in the presbytery garden.

The meeting ended at 8.10.p.m. with a closing prayer.