

## St. Bede's Parish Council Liturgy Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

Present: - Monica, Veronica, Christine, Kath, Cath, Michelle, Amanda, Alex, Siobhan, Gabrielle, Andrew, Nathan, Paul and Colette.

Apologies – Father, Anne, Rosa, Patrick, Gail and John.

Nathan led the opening prayer. Paul thanked everyone for attending.

The minutes of the last meeting were a true record. We need to review our Covenant of the poor at the next meeting.

Updates from co-ordinators:-

The Marian Day was a good mix of liturgy. People attended from other parishes and non-Catholics and letters of thanks were sent to St. Bede's. The mysteries of the rosary well depicted especially by the youth. Contemplation with music was excellent. More priests are required for confessions. A warm welcoming party at the door is vital. Lunch was superb.

Christ the King – we were pleased to welcome John McDonnell from Shiloh and Reverend Matt. Stone. Mass was enhanced with vespers.

The Advent Festival was enhanced with the Junior choir. Rotas for such events need to have greeters included.

Children's liturgy – registration can be a problem if a large number of children attend. Alex suggested using cards with the children's names on in the future. The liturgy continues well at half term but not during the summer holidays. The children's Christmas song went well. Is it possible to have a crib that children can touch? Alex had visited other churches where there had been a crib with story books around it for the children to enjoy. How can families become more involved and how do we showcase their work /decorations?

In Lent – could the children adore the cross on Good Friday? Could they be involved in acting out the Passion? It is a long time to 'entertain' the children. A crucifix is required.

A project for Mother and Father's day to relate to Mary as a mother and Joseph as a Father.

Could we have a family day out? Sheffield and Rotherham schools have different half terms this year.

Youth – we now have a youth group with leader – Veronica and deputy – Nathan. We need young people to read at Mass. Servers are to be trained to carry the cross. Could they distribute the ashes on Ash Wednesday? The altar servers did very well while Father was away. The youth are willing to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and open it up to the Community.

Eucharistic Ministers – there has been training which has been beneficial.

Music: - The Junior choir is very welcome at Mass. More people are needed in the choir.

Hospitality – Michelle asked if there could be a rota for welcoming rather than the same faces and for people to be aware of where help may be required.

Worship space – Kath has covered all the kneelers and purchased a new vacuum cleaner. Extra cleaning has had to be carried out while the building work has been taking place and the beams above the Lady altar really do need dusting down – but are too high for the regular cleaners to reach. We must try to encourage people to help with the cleaning. Kath has resourced new church suppliers for future purchases. The flower ladies have drawn up their programme for the year for St. Bede's and Forty Martyrs'.

Planning Lent: - Lent means spring – new beginnings. It should be aimed at everyone not just those who attend church now.

Father John's talks will resume on a Monday evening, 7a.m. Mass on a Friday, 9.15 Stations then Mass – Exposition until noon. Compline – Thursday evenings. Jason Brennan would like to start a rosary group. Veronica runs a mother's prayer group. Children from St. Bede's walk to the 9.30 Mass on a Wednesday and Tammy is hoping that some St. Bernard's children will attend.

Nathan will set up a Face book page ready for Lent. Paul would like a concise leaflet advertising all the Lenten activities. Paul [who counts with Austin] will design posters. Paul showed posters with varying slogans – Cafod are using – 'give it up' 'take it up' 'give it away'. He showed us saving boxes which could be brought in on Maundy Thursday. The school children have a box given to them by the Bishop for Good Shepherd. Amanda stated that in school the children are encouraged to give something of themselves e.g. helping at home as well as at school.

Family Fast Day – there will be an appeal on 23<sup>rd</sup> February with UK aid. Donations have doubled recently.

Lenten day with the Lord – 3<sup>rd</sup> March – needs a speaker. Colette to ask Stuart Charmak to order some short books/ leaflets for reflection for the day.

Children should experience church instead of being taken out of it – a children's section to be added to the day – say 15 minutes – and allow them to ask questions about Lent. The key is to make the families feel welcome.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – the gospel of Mark – a live performance of the gospel with music.

Holy week – little interest was shown in holding a Passover meal.

Sadly Good Friday there is a football match – the service will probably have to be at noon with the church staying open for a while after the service. The Vigil may have to be 8p.m. sunset is 19.38 that day.

We discussed having stewards – it was suggested that names be forwarded to Father of people suited to this role. Amanda to forward to Colette a supplier of lanyards.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm.**

