

St.Bede's Parish Council Liturgy Committee 11th March 2019

Present: - Father John, Paul, Gabrielle, Alex, Rosa, Veronica, Kath R. and Colette.

Apologies: - Amanda, Siobhan, Andrew, Gail, John and Jason.

Updates- Kath suggested looking back at the questionnaire from 2016 to see how we have moved forward and to consult the list of people willing to assist. Paul will e-mail everyone the replies. We would like the youth to be more involved with the liturgy especially the readings. Andrew is coming off the readers list and will need replacing. Eileen and Bob from the Cathedral will come to speak to the readers. Father brought some literature from his recent talks given at the Cathedral. Parishioners are saying they cannot hear readers. Colette to forward to Father and Paul the recent e-mails from Scratch Music re flexi microphones. Jason enquired about a Novena.

Veronica and Alex have chosen suitable storage for the children's liturgy and the choir require further hymn books – both items to be put to the next finance meeting. Alex asked if the dates for family Masses could be fixed throughout the year. Could a family Mass have visual stimulation and be advertised more personally to include wider relations and anyone who has not been to church for a while? Amanda does send out a personal letter with each child about these masses. On big occasions children could be invited to sit on the altar. The children would like to make something for their Mothers for Mother's day. The choir were donated £100 from a recent funeral. Rosa and Les have joined the choir. Austin and John Gallagher to be asked re joining.

Youth – Nathan will be deputy Co-ordinator. Millie and Lee are willing to assist and have designed a superb logo for the youth.

Lent – during the Triduum - Parishioners are to be asked to park in the nursery car park to free up space in the church car park. The car park must be left clear on Palm Sunday to allow the children to process into church with their palms. Paul will design a poster about Lent for the notice boards and ask Amanda if the school would print an A3 size. Michelle to be asked to design a poster for Easter. The youth to design future posters. There will be training for servers and readers. Stewards will be required over the Triduum. Immaculate Conception is holding 24 hours with the Lord on 29th March. We hope to hold a reconciliation morning on 6th April after the 9.30 Mass until noon.

Wednesday: - Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 11a.m.

Maundy Thursday – Kath asked if the youth could act out the Last Supper. This might be difficult as they would be coming from various parishes and may be required in their own parishes. Mass will be at 7p.m.? [Usually 7.30] check with Father - with watching at the altar of repose until 9.30p.m.

Good Friday: - Mary, Andrew and Michael Speight to be asked about co-ordinating a drama during the reading of the gospel. A note to be added to the bulletin to ask for anyone who would like to take part. Office of readings 9.30a.m. - the church will remain open for the service at 3p.m. sitting until 5p.m. then the arranging of the Easter garden.

Holy Saturday: - 9.30 office of readings then preparation of the church for the Vigil at 8p.m. The Vigil will be followed with refreshments.

Easter Sunday: - Mass at 9.30_a.m.

Feast of St. Bede 25th May: - This feast falls on a Saturday. We wish to make it special. Suggest asking anyone to come down from Ampelforth to sing/ speak about Bede. Mass would be at noon followed by lunch – not just soup.

Ascension: - Thursday 30th May – there will be Mass at 9.30 and 7p.m.

Pentecost: - it is not possible to hold a Deanery Mass in St. Bernard's this year due to building work. We would encourage our own congregation to do the readings in their own languages. We have dancers who could perform. The youth to be encouraged to attend 6p.m. Mass that Sunday.

Assumption: - Thursday 15th August - weather permitting catering could take place outside – paella was suggested.

2020 the year of the Word _ commences the 30th September – the feast of St. Jerome - it is hoped people would hold bible reading groups in their homes throughout the year and promote Missionary Outreach.

Future agendas should include planning ideas/ dates for the year's events e.g. Lent, Easter, Christmas, feast days etc.

The questionnaire to go on the next agenda for the meeting on:-

Tuesday 30th April 7p.m.