

The Parish Pastoral Council of St Charles Borromeo RC Church, Hadfield

Annual Open Meeting, Sunday 2nd June 2024 in the Oratory after 11am Mass

Review of PPC activity 2023-24

At the previous Open Meeting 25th June 2023, the following members were duly re-elected as members of the Council: Canon Don Bowdren, Deacon Owen Le Blanc, Anthony Ashworth, Ann Black, Julia Bradley, Nick Collins, Rob Cranston (Chair), Marie Ginnis, Derek Handley (Finance & Fabric Chair), Anne Heard (Vice Chair), Sue Hoolahan, Christine James, Sylvia Shaw (Secretary) and Nuala Shepley.

Since the last annual open meeting, the PPC have discussed and agreed the following initiatives and actions whilst encouraging and receiving active participation from members of our Church.

Church Parish Choir:

- Parishioners invited to join newly formed Choir. Current membership 7.

School Sub-Committee:

- Grandparent's Day 22nd July – marked with cakes after Mass and prayers
- Children & Families invited to Mass 26th November – Feast of Christ the King
- Arrangements made for School Carol Concert
- Parish Christmas Fair Friday 1st December
- School Choir to attend Glossop Heritage Weekend - "Sound of Music"

Reaching Out:

- Cards to those recently bereaved with a message from Father Don.
- Home Visits - Revitalising visits to local care/nursing homes discussed. Merit in categorising those in need of support in the community. FD home visits regularly and is willing to point EMs in the direction of those who would welcome such contact.

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Following training Charlotte Nigigwe commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister at the Cathedral
- A positive response to the new EM Rota.

Church Social Committee:

- BBQ at School Fair July
- Church Garden Party 23rd September
- Irish Coffee on St Patrick's Day after Mass
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Wine Tasting – Events arranged for May & September
- Inter Parish BBQ (Hadfield/Glossop Churches) to involve Confirmation Candidates

Hadfield Church Community:

- Continue to offer regular volunteer support and donations to Hadfield Methodist Church and BelliesNotBins Carmel Church respectively
- Christmas Event in the Oratory (Gifts, food & drink, raffle). Welcomed visitors from the other 3 churches in Hadfield. Proceeds donated 50/50 to BelliesNotBins and Lourdes Sponsorship

- Children's Christmas Party at Hadfield Hall in collaboration with Carmel Church.
- Caritas Warmer Welcome Online Session – Received positive response for inter denominational links with other churches.
- Approaching the other churches in Hadfield to meet up 2/3 times a year to work more closely together and develop a greater sense of community involvement.

Parish Amalgamation of Churches:

- Fr Martin (Jul/Aug'23) requested that Sue Hoolahan be appointed as an intermediary link together with Deacon Owen in order to gain ideas from the different churches as they are looking at five years ahead.
- After approaching Fr Martin, it was agreed that an Amalgamation Working Group be formed by 3 members from each Parish Council plus Deacon Owen. The first meeting took place 14th Feb'24 and covered many aspects and questions of the inevitable amalgamation. The members from the Glossop Churches also shared their experience of implementing the Divine Renovation Program in their 2 Churches and were invited to share that experience with our own parishioners at a special meeting.
- Divine Renovation Presentation by Glossop Churches and Consultation on Parish Amalgamation (5th March'24). The group from the Glossop Churches explained how the DR program was working for them and the positive feedback they had from Parishioners.
- Name Tags. One of the tools used by the Glossop Churches to encourage a closer community spirit in the DR program. To be considered for implementation in our own Church.

Welcome Group & Sacristan Duties

- Essential roles that are rarely discussed at Council level. We're blessed that those concerned in these areas of great importance provide an excellent service week in week out. Saying that, It's not something we can afford to take for granted and we should be prepared to help out when called upon.

Parish Safeguarding:

- Karen Proctor attends regular PPC meetings (at Immaculate Conception as well) since August '23 to update everyone on DBS checks and anything pertaining to good safeguarding practice.

Finance & Fabric Committee Reporting

- On the Agenda at most meetings. Derek Handley, the FFC Chair gives a brief update on our financial and property situation and responds to questions or queries in those areas.

These is just briefly what the Parish Pastoral Council have been involved with over the last year. None of this would be possible without the assistance and hard work of many other members of our Church who also take on various duties in the background, without whom we wouldn't hope to flourish as a worshipping catholic community.