

**PARISH OF SAINT HELEN
LANGSIDE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**



TUESDAY 28th MAY 2019 7.30PM ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

1.WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

2.PRESENT: Monsignor Paul, Attracta O'Reilly, Clare Gonella, Grace Cohen, Fiona Mc Cartney, Michael O' Neill & Jackie Black, Chiara Piacentini & Patricia Weatherall

APOLOGIES: Deacon Kevin Kelly

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: (28/3/19) Read, discussed and approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Children's Singing Group – Positive feedback from Good Friday Service for children. Will start recruiting later on in the year in preparation for Christmas'19. Until then, this item will be removed from Agenda action points.

b) Pre-Sacramental Course for Parents (Baptism) - A draft document has been prepared and awaits review and approval. 2 Catechists involved in draft will arrange to meet with Monsignor Paul and aim for approval by beginning of August'19.

c) Contact with Cluster Parishes – will wait for future directives from the Archdiocese, re cluster group, and will respond accordingly.

d) Protocol regarding recordings during Services –A Draft format of wording re photograph use etc, consistent with Safeguarding policy, which was distributed, discussed and amended at previous meeting. Next step is to have this information printed and laminated and copies left in the kitchen area - to be read out at the start of each Parish event. Also includes Health & Safety advice.

e) Notice of PPC Meetings in bulletin – Notification of PPC Meetings in bulletin on 2 occasions before meeting - allowing parishioners a chance to put forward ideas, suggestions and comments. Some positive comments of feedback were made about the new look to the heading on the Sunday bulletin 'One Family, One Heart, One Faith'.

f) Create/update database of groups, members and purpose in Parish- Forms have been distributed to groups for completion. Issue regarding personal email addresses being used for contact person. Discussed a possible central account for group leaders. A few returns have still to be made, request that all returns are gathered in before the next PPC Meeting (in August) Once information has been collated it was suggested that an Information Evening be organised to highlight existing groups, and possibly new groups, in the parish.

5. SAFEGUARDING UPDATE Church Safeguarding Member

gave a written update which was read by Monsignor Paul.

Information on notice boards continues to be updated on

a regular basis. Report as follows:



- a. At the last training session I attended, our Safeguarding Team, gave us a new letter to be given to new applicants once their documents have been verified.
- b. The new training dates from May are on the Notice board in the Meeting Room.
- c. Summer school let 1 July – 5 July. I have had no reply from Evin Downey in relation to establishing if they have a current Safeguarding Policy and also if their leaders have been PVG checked. I sent a second email on the 23rd May. I will continue to pursue this.
- d. The PVG has to be renewed every 5 years. We have 4 active volunteers whose PVG expires at the beginning of July. Each will be asked to complete an existing PVG application form and to again bring 3 forms of I.D. for verification. Forms to be distributed in June'19.

6. CATECHESIS:

a) 7 young parishioners received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist this May'19. It was a very happy family /community event with First Communicants, family and parishioners retiring to the church hall afterwards.

b) Parish Catechists preparing 2 young parishioners for Confirmation at Holy Cross Church (30th May'19)

Future preparation dates for Sacraments should be planned well in advance in order to prepare young parishioners for forthcoming sacraments.

Booklets for preparation can be purchased by parents from Pauline's Bookshop.

7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHIONERS – FEEDBACK

a) **Robert Barron Series DVD series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues'** All sessions went down well.

b) **'Sharing the Journey' –through reflection and prayer of refugees and those marginalised.** SCIAF/ Justice and Peace. Session was well received. Hopefully take it further possibly in December/Advent ,to look at how we, as a parish, can help people who are marginalised.

c) **'Stations of the Cross Then and Now'** – Video presentation of the Stations of the Cross, by Denis McBride, guiding us along the way of the cross using powerful images to open up new ways of praying about Jesus' journey. This presentation was well attended and appreciated, with favourable feedback. It fitted well into the Holy Week schedule providing an extra Lenten prayer opportunity.

Overall the Parish Lenten Programme was well received with lots of positive conversations after each presentation producing fruitful reflections/discussions.

d) AGAP – ‘A sign of Contradiction: The Passion Story’ - was performed in St. Helen’s Hall as part of Lentfest 2019.

Event was a sell out. Feedback was that Passion Story

was more powerful in content than previous production. Suggestion made to request a Matinee performance, in addition to evening slot, to allow others the chance to attend.

e) EASTER SERVICES – Monsignor Paul was thanked for leading very prayerful, and spiritually nourishing services throughout Lent and particularly during the Holy Week Triduum, which were well attended once again this year.

Easter cakes in the hall after 11am Mass on Easter Sunday were received very favourably! An extra treat adding to the joyful Parish celebrations of Easter.

8. PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

(FORWARD PLANNING - JUNE'19)

a) Parish Outing to Carfin – Plans are well underway for an Parish outing to Carfin on Saturday 1st June'19. 33 seater bus has been booked and a list has been placed at back of church for names of people wishing to attend. Leaving at 12.00 noon and returning after Vigil Mass at Carfin. Approximately 7.00pm.

b) Plans for 40 hours at St. Helen’s (9/6/19) are being finalised. Holy Hour on the 10th & 11th June. More details to follow.

c) Parish Family BBQ – Sunday 23/6/19. Liase with GS. Comprehensive ‘to do’ list drawn up last year with checklists etc in place for BBQ preparation.

d) Discussed arrangements for the arrival of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux in Scotland. Events are planned for Glasgow Archdiocese, 16th – 18th September'19. It is hoped that a slot in the Cathedral could be allocated for parishioners of St. Helen’s on the 17th September (PM). Press details to follow.

e) Parish November Memorial Mass in St Helen’s – Saturday 2nd November'19. (All Souls Day) Mass at 12 noon instead of the usual time of 10.00am. Hall will be required, therefore advance notice to be given to group that use the hall. Hope to involve more parishioners this year.

9. LITURGY

a) CHILDREN’S LITURGY New volunteers have settled into their role and are more confident in delivering content at Children’s Liturgy.

b) MUSIC GROUP – Will make further requests for musicians, particularly guitarists, in bulletin, website and social media.

10. DECORATION OF PORCHES Update

a) Quote for handrail – still waiting for quote to be arranged

b) Mission statement - to be amended and displayed in both porches

c) Notice Boards – ongoing development with possibility of header signs produced for PPC, Parish Groups, Events etc.

11. FAO PARISH COUNCIL

a) No items for discussion in Suggestion Boxes

b) It has been suggested that a Summary of the Financial Statement of the Parish be made available to parishioners. At present the auditors are working on the books which are then due to be signed off very soon. Previous auditors have commented on the very high standard of recording from St Helen's Church. Possible sheet with overview of income and expenditure could become available.

12. AOCB

a) Mass and Sacrament for the Sick during our 40 Hours. Pentecost Sunday, 9th June '19 at 5.00pm Mass. Advertise beforehand in Bulletin & Social Media. Teas & coffees in the Hall afterwards organised by SSVP group.

b) Discussed different ideas regarding a presentation to M.B. our Sacristan, who has recently given up her services due to poor health.

c) Possible dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation etc to be put on August's Agenda under Action Points

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2019. PARISH MEETING ROOM 7.30PM

14. CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING