

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury

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W. Devine, S. Galloway, P. Hewitt, M. Maddren, J. Murray, C. Swainston, S. Weatherhall, P. Wynn, Rev. J. Butters,
Rev. Deacon, D. McKie, V. Corcoran, C. Welch, A. Caswell

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

28 January 2016

7:00pm

The Medway

Minutes

1. Present: M. Besford, P. Hewitt, W. Scott, V. Corcoran, C. Welch, A. Caswell, Fr Butters, J. Murray, C. Kelly, F Miller, S Weatherhall, S Galloway, S. Sinclair
2. Apologies: B Devine, P. Wynn, C. Swainston, M. Maddren,
3. The Chair welcomed S. Sinclair who is the Headteacher of St Paul's RC Primary School to the meeting. S. Sinclair will represent the Headteachers of the Catholic Primary schools in Billingham for one year only.
4. V. Corcoran gave a brief finance report. The Chair thanked V. Corcoran and the finance committee for all their hard work. V. Corcoran read out a statement with his intention to retire after the financial year ends in April. The council, on behalf of the parishioners of our parish, thanked V. Corcoran for all his hard work and dedication in keeping our parish finance up to scratch. Thank you Vince.
5. The council discussed events in which we could do for the Holy Year of Mercy within and outside our parish. For example:- Diocesan events, visit to the Holy Door at the Cathedral, local pilgrimages, possible visit to the relics of St Thomas of Canterbury in May, 24/40 hours for the Lord.
6. S. Galloway mentioned that there are still places left for the Walsingham Pilgrimage during the August bank holiday – if interested please see S. Galloway.
7. M. Besford gave a report on the current activities of the youth, highlighting that the John Paul II award is going well and looking to recruit May time for the current Year 11's to start in September 2016. The youth go monthly to the YMT 'The Source' and that St Michael's are involved with going with M Besford sending posters to put up in the school and social media is a big hit with Facebook and the new website proving to be popular. M. Besford also reported of new social media such as Instagram (in which the Youth had asked for) M Besford mentioned that preparation for the Youth Pilgrimage in July for the Holy Year is going well and are set to meet mid-march.
8. The Forward Together in Hope team for the Diocese are currently making observations and comments regarding the Questionnaire and Youth Questionnaire, reports to come back for the parish to discuss the suggestions.
9. S. Sinclair gave a school report on activities within St Paul's for the Holy Year. It was also mentioned that the new academy name will take the patronage of the parish named 'St Thomas of Canterbury Multi Academy Trust'
10. Fr Butters mentioned that there was a team in place to discuss changing the layout of the parish bulletin.
11. C Kelly gave a report that she has updated the notice boards at Holy Rosary and planning on the same change at St John's and St Joseph's. The Chair thanked C Kelly for undertaking this.
12. The next meeting will be 28 April 2016, 7pm, The Medway.