

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury

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Rev. Deacon, D. McKie, V. Corcoran, C. Welch, A. Caswell

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

28 April 2016

7:00pm

The Medway

Minutes

1. Present: M. Besford, P. Hewitt, W. Scott, V. Corcoran, A. Caswell, Fr Butters, J. Murray, C. Kelly, S Weatherhall, S Galloway, S. Sinclair, Rev Deacon Dan McKie, B Devine, P. Wynn, C. Swainston and P McTimoney.
2. Apologies: M. Maddren, , C. Welch, F Miller,
3. The Chair welcomed P McTimoney who is the Parish Safeguarding officer to the meeting.
4. P McTimoney gave a report on the new process of the DBS system and any queries please see her and she will clear any misunderstanding.
5. V Corcoran gave a financial report and on the stewardship that we hold in regards to the parish finance.
6. It was noted that the parish pilgrimage to the relics of St Thomas of Canterbury would be a difficult task as the Mass was at 5.30pm at Westminster during the week which would cause difficulties with most of the parish. It was suggested to visit the Holy Door at either Newcastle Cathedral or Middlesbrough Cathedral.
7. M Besford reported that Flame 3 has been announced for the youth and it is the intention to hire a 52 seater coach and fill it. The Diocese intends to send 1000 youth to the event in London after the success of the last Flame within our parish the numbers are predicted. M Besford reported that it was the intention of the altar servers to have a pilgrimage to York and visit the bar convent which holds the relic of St Margaret Clitherow, it was also reported that the procession of St Margaret Clitherow was scheduled that day also. M Besford reported that the Youth pilgrimage for the Holy Year to Rome has been finalised with the itinerary set and the group meeting to prepare for the event. M Besford reported that the Source will finish for this year on May 4th details of the next years dates are out and intend to use the St Michael's mini bus and take our youth to the event. M Besford reported that it was his intention to set up a Young Christian Workers group within the parish and he is meeting the National Chaplin soon

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8. S Sinclair reported that the primary schools benefited in regards to furniture of the old school at St Michael's. The opening of St Michael's new academy was a success. The three out of the four primary schools became an academy on the 1st April 2016 namely St Pauls RC Primary School, St John's RC Primary School and St Joseph's RC Primary School became an academy under the name of St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academy Trust. The Chair thanked all those in our Parish schools for the hard work and commitment in educating the children and students.
9. Fr Butters gave a report of the current situation as regards to Forward Together in Hope. Leaflets of this have been distributed at the back of each church.
10. It was reported that the parish caleigh was a big success and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. The Friendship Group are looking at hosting future events. Also the Parish Pie and Pea supper was also a success.
11. The First Communion sessions were going well and that we have 31 children ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion over the weekend of the 21-22 May.
12. It was reported that 177 invites had gone out for the annual St Joseph the Worker feast which is to celebrate all those who work in the parish community.
13. S Galloway mentioned that there are still places on the Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham. If anyone is interested in this please see Sylvia.
14. The next meeting will be 14 July 2016, 7pm, The Medway.