

## Minutes of the Zoom Meeting held at 8pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

1. Present – Mgr Sean Healy, Chair (Mgr S), Fr Nicholas (Fr N), Sr Dympna (Sr D), Christine Allen (CA), Liz Duggan (LD), Barbara Kay (BK), Martin K (MK), Katherine Smith (KS), Teresa Williams (TW), Jon Foster (JF), Justin Bozzino (JB), Chris Brookes (CB), Nigel Anstead (NA) [Taking Notes]
2. Apologies – Marguerita Carroll (MC), Jenny Becker (JB), Celia Robb (CR),
3. Mgr S started the Zoom meeting with a prayer.
4. Review of Last Minutes Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December –
  - i) Current regular weekly mass timetable is going well.
  - ii) Christmas Services, booking system went well. Some late cancellations due to sickness left some spaces. 4 Bedford churches shared their Christmas services programme.
  - iii) Stewarding of Masses. Worked well thanks to KS rota.
  - iv) No other points raised from last zoom.
5. Review of Current Masses –
  - i. Numbers steadily growing. Weekdays 10/20, Saturday 6pm 30/40, Sunday 10.30 40/60, Latin masses circa 100. All work within confines of social distancing. Latin mass can achieve their number due to the large families attending.
  - ii. Stewarding. Weekdays tend to work with folk who would normally attend anyway. Sat eve, Sun am have regular stewards. MgrS gave thanks to KS for organising the rota and emphasised the Bishop's words of thanks to all who help steward and keep our churches clean which enables mass to continue. KS was hopeful this task could be taken from her but no offers as yet.
  - iii. Booking System. It was decided not to reintroduce booking system except for special occasions.
  - iv. Weekly Deep Clean. KS explained that just her and MC are regulars with occasional support and a regular lady on Sat am who likes to clean on her own. Regular appeals for help produce little fruit.
6. Easter Services Programme - After some discussion the following was agreed with MgrS emphasising that services should not be prolonged. This is to avoid people staying indoors for long periods under current diocesan and Government guidelines. E.g. on Maundy Thursday there would be no vigil up to midnight and no washing of feet. ....

### English Masses

- i. Maundy Thursday. 7.30pm (NO 10am mass)
- ii. Good Friday. 3pm (NO 11am Adoration or noon mass)
- iii. Easter Saturday. 6pm regular mass and the 9pm Easter Vigil.
- iv. Easter Sunday. 10.30am mass
- v. All other masses will be at the usual times.

### Latin Masses

- vi. Easter Sunday at 8.30am and 12.30pm

Booking System. It was agreed that The booking system would be put in place for the following services .

- i. Palm Sunday 10.30 English Mass
- ii. Good Friday 3pm service
- iii. Easter Sunday 8.30 (Latin) 10.30am (Eng) and 12.30 (Latin)

NA to contact other Bedford RC churches as at Christmas to collate a list of service days/times from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This can be put on all Bedford churches websites.

7. Finance Report – CB gave an update. The Finance Committee (FC) has taken much of the parish work as no other group exists at CTK.

Since Sept there has been a lot of work done on H&S and periodic servicing/maintenance and we are up to date. FC has also organised ...

- i. Repairs/redecoration of the hall after a flood. CB investigating possible insurance claim.
- ii. Blocked drains beside the church to be cleared.
- iii. Planning Permission to make the PDR permanent is being sought.

Some money has had to be spent on this work but FC reviews all expenses carefully and all proposed expenditure is agreed by Fr N beforehand. CTK is financially secure. FrN thanked FC for their hard work.

MgrS commented that diocesan finances are under considerable pressure. Income to the diocese as a whole is down by £1.5m and some parishes are struggling. Constraints on finances may be made. Efficiencies in banking to reduce charges are being considered. Tony McNibb is meeting FrN and CB shortly to discuss.

8. AOB

- i. NA asked if Easter flower team had sufficient time to prepare. Everything is in hand.
- ii. KS asked if anyone would take over the role of stewards rota. No immediate offers.

9. Date of next Zoom – It was decided to have just one more before lockdown (hopefully) ends.  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm.

10. Fr N ended the Zoom meeting with a prayer.

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