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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch Wednesday 16th November 2016

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Fr. Martin Fletcher, Eddie Allen (Chair), Tony Bennett, Joanne Challis, Brenda Kiv Kivlehan, Jo Luxton, Trisa Mahoney, Gary Redmond, Frances Rodgers, B (Secretary). | |
| PARISH REPS/ OBSERVERS: | John Fells, Fr Sabu Pariyadan. | |
| APOLOGIES: | Pat Edwards, Jean Horan, Susan Squire, Jane Tatam, Teresa Young. | |
| The meeting was | sheld in the Presbytery Dining Room and commenced at 20:02 with a welcome an | d prayers. |
| MINUTES | | |
| The minutes of the | he meeting of 14 th September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chair. | |
| MATTERS ARISIN | IG | ACTIONS |
| Sacraments – length of First Communion training sessions. Still to be discussed by Jane and Fr. Martin | | Jane/Fr.M |
| | all fire exits. Fire Brigade carried out an assessment. The Hall has more than atisfy requirements. Emergency lighting is needed. St Mary's Presents is raising | |
| CORRESPONDEN | CE | |
| Jane Tatam will Parish Office | no longer be attending Parish Council meetings but is contactable through the . | |
| PARISH PRIEST'S | POINTS | |
| | tes have not yet been fixed for First Holy Communion and May Queen Procession. roke and needs the income, collections will be made at these Masses. | |
| following 3 Satur reconciliation in | r the First Holy Communion groups will be on Sat 19 th Nov at 10am and for the days. John Fells said he had spoken with Mr Leech who will put a reminder about the parents' magazine. | |
| Youth Mass on S | , - | |
| • | nonitor in the Van Meenen Room. Gary has ordered blinds for the room. s for the porch will be arriving soon. | |
| | ts plaque needs updating but Adrian Bell said the man who used to do it has | |
| Fr Martin expressed thanks to all who assisted with the Bishop's visitation. | | |
| As advised by the Parish Council, Fr Martin read out his letter regarding noise in church. He is also doing a leaflet, based on a Brentwood one, about bringing children to church. | | Fr. Martin |
| occasions, social Procession, with | n for the parish. School and parish both run events but he wants some common and maybe spiritual. He is putting in the diary some events such as May Queen refreshments in Hall afterwards; with the school, doing a Lenten project, perhaps er parish, on Maundy Thursday, those who collected money presented it on the | |
| | Rich Man/Poor Man meal. Everyone buys a ticket – 10 lucky numbers are picked a 3-course meal; the rest get bread and soup. | |
| John Fells mentioned that previously they had a Youth Mass in Lent but now won't as they will have the regular Youth Mass in November. | | |
| Trip to Aylesford on June 10 th 2017. Each year do a similar spiritual event. | | |
| | ed from Fr Philip Denton, the dean, asking if we are twinned with a South African would we like to be? Frances and others explained that we have links with Piet | |

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| Youth Club tuck shop repainted, thanks The Club contributed to the painting. | to Gary, Martin and Co. Would like to put a statue in there. | | | |
| Membership 60+, with average attendance of 45. | | | | |
| OTHER BUSINESS | | | | |
| 52. General items. | | | | |
| 56. Parish Room and Table Store – piano needs getting rid of. Perhaps ask if any parishioner would be interested in taking it. There are other items in the Store that need removing. | | | | |
| 57. Parking – Gary said this is bad, particularly at 9.30am Mass – people park wherever they like. A group will have to stand out there and steward it. Gary suggested handing out leaflets about parking. Start after Christmas. Jo Luxton suggested starting 1 st Jan. | | | | |
| if the whole group could be awarded | I and Playground over the summer – John Fells wondered a Bene Merenti Medal. Fr. Martin felt this was not the have a thanksgiving Mass for those who help in the parish at around the time of the AGM (June). | | | |
| DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING | | <i>6</i> 0 | | |
| Wednesday 18 th January 2016, 8:00pm The Presbytery. | | | | |
| FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Provisional dates | | | | |
| 15 th Mar 2017, 17 th May 2017, AGM 21 st June 2017, 19 th July 2017, 20 th Sept 2017, 15 th Nov 2017. | | | | |
| [Please put these dates in your diaries] | | | | |
| The meeting closed with prayers at 21: | 18. | | | |
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| Secretary | Chairperson | | | |
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