


Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch
Thursday 28th January 2016

<p>SACRAMENTS</p>	
<p>Theresa Hayes is no longer a Sacramental Co-ordinator. Jane said she cannot do it all on her own but will try to maintain the Holy Communion and Baptism programmes. Confirmation will have to handed back to the parish. The Confirmation Course is due to start the coming Wednesday but so far nothing has been done, although a group of catechists have been involved in planning it. Confirmation, with the Bishop, will be on 21st September.</p> <p>Strong feelings were expressed by John concerning the handling of the situation. He and other catechists will be writing to the Bishop about the issue. He wanted to know what the parish's intentions were concerning appointment of another co-ordinator. Fr. Martin explained, as he did when he met the First Holy Communion catechists the previous Sunday, he could not say anything, out of respect for Theresa and confidentiality, as it is now under employment law process and thus not open to discussion.</p> <p>Tony pointed out that there are two separate issues, one of employment and one of impact. We need to deal with the impact.</p> <p>Eddie said we need to see what needs getting ready for Confirmation training to start on Wednesday. Where is the programme? Fr. Martin said that something will happen on Wednesday but he can't locate details from the meeting with the catechists who will be helping.</p> <p>Generally, the parish is doing very well with catechesis, including the school.</p> <p>Jane asked Gary what could be done to get the Hall heating working. It needs a £560 controller. Gary will ask Mr. Leech.</p> <p>Van Meenen Room outside light – to go to Maintenance Committee.</p> <p>John asked why the Parish Council meetings had moved from the Meeting Room to the Presbytery. It was because Fr. Martin invited us (and it's warmer!).</p>	<p>Gary</p> <p>Mtce Ctte</p>
<p>FINANCE</p>	
<p>No report as Jo unable to attend.</p> <p>Jane commented that nothing had happened with the Hall kitchen yet – Jean said there was not enough money yet.</p>	
<p>YOUTH</p>	
<p>John affirmed that the Club was grateful for the donation, and also that the Youth Mass was postponed.</p> <p>First Aid – Mr Leech (Snr) will do the training for nothing but it needs to be a one-day affair. Perhaps in April or early May. Limit is 20 people. Can be young people (e.g. those at Duke of Edinburgh Award level) – find out how many interested via the Youth Club, and then catechists, making up the numbers with other interested parishioners.</p> <p>Sr. Teresa – Youth Club would like to get a memorial plaque for Sr. T as she did a lot of work with and for the Club.</p>	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>52. General items.</p> <p>39. Parish's memorial plaque to Sr. Teresa to go next to Fr. Patrick's, along with one to the Lowe sisters.</p> <p>40. Brian asked about putting an additional notice board on the pillar to the right of the existing board. Agreed by Fr. Martin.</p> <p>41. Parking outside Rodwell House. A child was nearly knocked down recently by someone reversing off. Notice to go in newsletter to warn people.</p> <p>42. Gary commented on empty spaces in church with people standing at the back. Can we</p>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Fr. Martin</p>

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<p>announce for people to move down? It is usually the ushers who organise this but we are short of ushers. Can we get more?</p> <p>Fr. Martin added:</p> <p>43. Possibility of a May Procession on 22nd May. Would it be welcomed? The meeting thought it would. Perhaps merge the 9.30 and 11.30am Masses and hold a 10am Mass on the field?</p>		
DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING		
Wednesday 16 th Mar 2016, 8:00pm The Presbytery.		
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Provisional dates		
18 th May, AGM 15 th June 2016, 20 th July, 21 st Sept, 16 th Nov, 18 th Jan 2017, 15 th March 2017. [Please put these dates in your diaries]		
The meeting closed with prayers at 21:00.		
Brian J. Rodgers Secretary	Signed: Eddie Allen Chairperson	
22 nd Feb 2016	Date 16-3-16	