

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Joint Pastoral Council**  
of  
**St Anthony's, St Francis Xavier's and St Mary of the Angels**  
**30<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Present:** Fr Jamie Boyle, Frank Quinn (Chairperson), Catherine Park (minutes), Janice Evans, Kathy Onori, John Soje, John Smith, John McGill and Rod Smith.

**Apologies:** Jacqui McMenemy, Jack O'Donnell, Catherine O'Neill and Anne Burhmann.

- 1. The meeting began with a reflection on a reading from the Gospel of St Matthew.**
- 2. Rod Smith was introduced as a new member and welcomed to the Joint Parish Council (JPC).**
- 3. The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.**
- 4. LENT-**
  - (i) Six weeks of Faith Formation focusing on The Bible will be offered to parishioners. This will be led by Anne Burhmann and Pat Mason. Facilitators will be required to support the sessions and meet before to plan and prepare.**
  - (ii) Mass will be offered in the three parishes on Ash Wednesday. The priests will visit the schools for liturgy and distribution of ashes to the pupils.**
  - (iii) Kathy Onori, Andy and Terry Paterson will speak on behalf of SCIAF at mass in each parish on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**
  - (iv) Stations of the Cross will be offered in each parish during Lent.**
  - (v) Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in St Francis Xavier's on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 8am-6pm. (TBC depending on the date of Formation for the JPC)**
  - (vi) Children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will do so in the confessional on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will be encouraged to prepare their children before this by letting them see inside the confessional and discussing with them what will happen.**

**EASTER-** An Easter Vigil will be celebrated in the three parishes. Times to be confirmed.

5. Formation for the Joint Pastoral Council members could possibly take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April with Patricia Carroll. Anne will email members to check dates and suitability.
6. Notice boards with information about JPC members to be updated.
7. Key questions relating to our Pastoral Outreach-

**What are we doing to help people in need?**

**What can we do to help people in need?**

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) work very hard in the parish and have a big demand for support. Representatives from SVDP and the Legion of Mary will be invited to a JPC meeting to tell members about their work.

Fr Jamie is open to ideas and suggestions about how we help people in need and develop our community outreach.

8. Catholic Education Week 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February pupils from the Catholic Schools will be involved in the Mass in each parish.
9. Dates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation have been issued to parents and will be in the newsletter.
10. Date of the next JPC meeting **is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**