

Minutes of the St Mary Magdalene Open Parish Meeting **held on Sunday 25 June 2017**

1. The meeting was opened by Fr Jock at 7pm there being 13 members present.
2. Fr Jock gave a warm welcome and thanked everybody for their attendance.
3. The meeting was opened with prayer which was split into five parts and read by five members.
4. Fr Jock explained the key areas in parish life which came under six headings:
 1. Liturgy.
 2. Faith Formation.
 3. General Administration.
 4. Outreach 1.
 5. Outreach 2.
 6. Outreach 3.

Father Jock explained under each heading all that had happened in recent months in detail.

5. Father Jock informed the members regarding the church's plans for the coming months including:
 - A. Mass of Anointing - 29 Aug 17
 - B. Ways of praying – 4 Monday evenings in November from 7 – 9pm
 - C. Pastoral visits.
 - D. Ceilidh Night for the two parishes on 3 Nov 17 – in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society.
 - E. A visit on Saturday 16 September from Father L Tabone with a pilgrimage group from Gozo .
6. The members were split into two groups to discuss the priorities that had emerged from the Pastoral Council Planning Day in March.[Parish Outreach]:

After the group discussion the following ideas were aired:

- A. It was agreed that the church should be open more frequently eg:
with an initial plan for Monthly coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month, beginning on Saturday 29 July.
- B. Projects for children – perhaps an international aid project chosen by the children and also Christmas Boxes.
- C. Do more for the elderly – e.g. specifically inviting older parishioners to the coffee mornings.
- D. More social evenings eg: Twice a year.

7. Any other business:

The members had a short discussion regarding the Church Golden Jubilee (since it will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church in April 2018) bearing in mind that the parish was formed before the church was built. One suggestion was a mass on 21 April 2018 followed by a short celebration within the church hall. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next Pastoral Council meeting. It was agreed that new crockery should be purchased.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm by holding hands and singing the “Our Father”.

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