

## St Mary's Catholic Church Nairn SCO05122

### Pastoral Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Present:** John Dolan, Father Damian, Elaine McDonald, Elaine de Ste Croix, Phil McBride, Marie Cruickshank, Moyra Wilson, Steven Knight, Mary Collier and Eric Hannah, ( a new member).

**Apologies:** Gigi Lucas

**Minutes:** of last meeting ( 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021) were read and approved by Phil and seconded by Elaine de Ste Croix.

**Matters arising:** Beetle drives are to continue. They are re-starting this week. Notices have been made and distributed to churches and other venues around the town.

#### Financial Statement: 31/01/2022

Cash Balance	= £ 22,553
Endowment income received January	= £ 1,012
Average collections for 10 months per week	= £ 622
Development fund ( 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Collection)	= £ 4,767
Fundraising	= £ 1,500
Money for coffees	= £ 584

Money collected via Direct debits has not been included so far.

#### Anticipated cost increases:

Gas and Electricity      Gas £ 351 per month    Electricity £ 51 per month

£ 402 per week      = £ 4,824 per year

With 54% increase = £ 7,428 per year ( an increase of £ 2,604 .)

Council Tax £ 212 per month      = £ 2,120 per year

5% increase to £ 223 per month      = £ 2,230 per year ( an increase of £ 110 )

**Total increase of expenses £ 2,714**

There was discussion about the Endowments to the church and whether it was possible to publicise this information. Phil has agreed to investigate there is a whether a leaflet that could be used to do this.

**Security of the Church premises:** in recent weeks The SDVP box was broken and the money removed and a short time later the hall was broken into though nothing was stolen. Father Damian has discussed this with the Police and is satisfied that there not a high risk of this being repeated. It is thought that the police may have arrested the culprit. Father Damian is doesn't see that we need to think about installing CCTV. The SDVP box is being repaired by the Men's club and the Hall door is having a new lock fitted.

**Social Secretary:** Marie has suggested that we should have a pudding competition, as a social event after mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. She has already got the names of a few parishioners who will take part. Detailed plans for this will appear in the near future. There will be a prize for adults and a separate prize for the children. Donations will go to SDVP.

**AOCB:** Elaine Macdonald said that Emily is retiring from the SVDP and she needs to recruit further members. They hold meetings once a month. They have 9 members at present.

Moyra suggested that we could have a notice in the church to the effect that visitors who have upset children, are welcome to go and sit in the Hall. However it was thought that the existing notice near the door was sufficient.

Also it has been noticed that the original members of the Pastoral Council, are still listed on the website. Mary agreed to ask Julie to remove those who have left and add the new members details.

Moyra noticed that one of the shelves for the flowers is loose. It was agreed this could be easily fixed.

We discussed the possibility of getting the children involved in occasionally selling objects to support either Trade craft or Sciaf. It may be possible to get products on a sale or return. Mary to investigate.

**Father Damian:** There are to be a two Diocesan Synod Parish meetings. Saturday evening and Sunday morning, on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. These will be held in the upstairs room of the hall after Mass. There will be two facilitators, Mr and Mrs MacPherson.

There will be a set of questions that they will ask the parishioners to comment on and discuss. Father Damian will be present, as an observer. The purpose is to collect the opinions of parishioners in each Diocese. Tea will be provided afterwards at the Sunday morning session.

**Lenton Lunches:** date Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, after Mass. Donations will go to Mary's Meals and Traidcraft .

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch** Donations to SCIAF

**Confirmation:** 1<sup>st</sup> May Bishop Hugh will be present. There are 6 candidates and there will be Cake and coffee afterwards.

**1st Communions 19<sup>th</sup> June** There are 7 candidates.

**Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm