

Present – Father Jim, Father Alexander, Janice Dobbin, Rena Robertson, Linda Taylor, Claire Valentine, Avril Kidd, Marie Shafi, David Bald

Apologies - Gerry Laing, Ged Kennedy, Audrey Toshney, Helen Grossi

1. Introductions, welcome to Fr Jim.
2. David updated us on schools link to the parish-
Use of church by staff on inservice day and further use by pupils.
Minnie Vinnies - set up.
Francis faith award program.
Issues with parent car parking – use of parish car park in question
Fr Jim to enquire about insurance before decisions made about school use.
Discussion around damage to car park through wear and tear, and damage to railings and gate that need repaired.
3. St Vincent De Paul – how to reach out to those who need
Handed goods to pregnancy unit in St. Columba's. Other donations to other local requests.
Need help receiving requests for help.
Considering donating to foodbank/parish hall café.
Schools can refer children/families to STVDP for some additional support.
Rena discussed initial plans for community café and foodbank. Looking at hall availability/storage.
Need risk assessment from DCC and Ann Joiner -St Ninians, can give advice about set up.
Discussed warm place to start. Possible risk assessment needed for hall prior. Avril to invite Alison and Ann Colgan to next meeting. Keen to organise before winter.
4. Suggested photographs of parish council members. Claire to take photographs after mass on Sunday 11th September. Minutes to go up at back of church and link to website and Facebook. Link to go into newsletter when minutes are available. Minutes must be approved by council members on Whats App before being passed for public use.
5. Fr Alex request the use of projectors and screen for school mass. Two screens on side walls that will be rolled up when not in use. Projectors attached to roof so out of vision. David to contact the company that work in the schools, ask them to give us a quote and see if school can contribute to the costs. Discussion about tv screen options too which would be cheaper option.
6. CCTV set up at front and back of church and all working.
7. Fr Jim discussed alterations to church. Fr Jim to bring ideas to next parish council for further discussions about the changes to the church building. Fr Jim to discuss plus additional toilet facilities at back of church with diocese.
8. Next meeting in church flat, Wednesday 5th October 7.15pm

