

St. Quivox PPC

23rd May 2013

Opening Prayer

Present: Fr. Kitchen, G. Jaconelli, M. McCann, K. and C. Boyd, J. Fisher

Apologies: J. and C. McGiveron

Minutes: Proposed: Fr. Kitchen Seconded: G. Jaconelli

Matters Arising: none

Correspondence: An email was received from J. McGiveron expressing his decision to step down as Webmaster and Parish Media Officer, effective Easter 2014. It was agreed that G. Jaconelli will write accepting John's resignation but indicating that the change-over should occur as and when a replacement can assume the job(s)—prior to Easter 2014. J. Fisher volunteered to submit articles to Prestwick Going Out; this will take effect with the September issue.

Pastoral: 1) Fr. Frank Courtney's Diamond Jubilee is the 28th June and will be celebrated at St. Quivox on Saturday, 29th June. Fr. Courtney will be the principal Celebrant at the Mass along with Fr. Kitchen and Canon McSorley. Cake and tea/coffee will be served in the hall following the Mass. 2)The 2nd June is the Feast of Corpus Christi and there will be a Holy Hour from 4-5PM. Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at both Masses on the Sunday. 3)Prestwick North and Monkton Church have requested St. Quivox to join with them in the collection of items to make up food parcels. These parcels are delivered to those who have been referred by Social Authorities. If volunteers come forward to handle the contributions, a box will be out at the Sunday Masses only—no contributions accepted during the week. 4)It was proposed that a Question Box be placed at the back of church for any queries people may have regarding church/faith issues.

Keeping Children Safe: The date for the training session needs to be confirmed; possibly 4th June.

Social/Fundraising: There will be a mini-Summer Fete in July (the 13th or 20th, date to be confirmed).

Parish Website: The site continues to attract visitor worldwide. As J. McGiveron will be resigning this position, the PPC will be seeking someone to take over as soon as possible.

Financial: nothing

Priest's Report: Fr. Kitchen reported on the annual meeting of all the priests of the Diocese which this year focused on Embracing Change and the question "Where is the Church in Galloway Going?". With the underlying premise that 'one cannot sustain the unsustainable', it was noted that -- a)priests are putting themselves under pressure to try to maintain the status quo b)retired priests expressed a sense of guilt—their retirement has increased the burden on other priests c)under Canon Law, some duties of running a parish cannot be delegated .

Fr. Kitchen commented that in his opinion the answer is not necessarily closure or amalgamation of parishes; there are other ways of approaching the issues. He emphasized that this is his opinion

and “does not represent the view of the assembly of priests”. Fr. Kitchen emphasised that there was NO discussion about closing any parishes.

AOCB: Nicholl’s have been approached regarding the continuing problem with the interior wall of the church. It was suggested a damp course be installed and plaster board covering the wall which can then be painted. This has been done, with success, in houses with the same problem.

Date of Next Meeting: 10th September 2013 at 7PM

Closing Prayer