Minutes of Annual General Meeting
05 September 2023

**PRESENT**

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| Fr. Jerry Manomey | Peter Leatherland |
| Kath Greenwood | Maureen Graham |
| Myriam Rincorn, Chair | Brendan Spillane |
| Paula Bates | Bernard Goodwin |
| Siobhan Lees, PPC Secretary | Aggie Keeble, Parish Secretary |

**APOLOGIES**

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| Hugh Davies | Helen Burgess |
| Mick Fagan | Cassie Wood |

1. MR welcomed all those in attendance and thanked parishioners Brendan and Bernard for attending.

2. Fr. Jerry opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. We all introduced ourselves

4. Positions confirmed.
    - Those PPC members in attendance confirmed their positions.
    - Helen Burgess has notified Fr. Jerry of her intention to step down from the PPC with immediate effect.

5. Minutes of the AGM from last year on 21 July were tabled and approved.

6. AGM Report issued and key highlights the year included:
    - Pastoral visit from Bishop David on March 11th, he was very pleased with the number and quality of activities offered by our dedicated volunteers.
    - The 40th anniversary celebrations concluded with Mass on June 16th where Bishop David was the principal celebrant.
    - First Communion took place on July 1st where eleven children received communion for the first time.
    - Live Simply initiative launched encouraging us all to live a simpler life, caring for the planet and living in solidarity with people in poverty.
    - During May 28 parishioners attended a pilgrimage to Burgundy, they visited several sites related to the formation of the devotion to the Sacred Heart.
    - MR and Fr. Jerry thanked all who put the report together.

- Financial Report – issued at AGM
  Peter Leatherland led the discussion that took place around the challenges the church is facing with rising costs; we are exposed to the same price increases that

people encounter when running their homes. The generosity of parishioners was acknowledged and appreciated.

7. Plans for the Year Ahead – our six focus areas.

    - Provide opportunities for parishioners of all ages to grow in holiness and enrich the quality of parish life.
    - Identify new ways to connect with young people.
    - Raise the awareness of church activities with new parishioners.
    - Demonstrate that we are a caring church by being kind to each other is all that we do.
    - Create opportunities to grow the number of people who volunteer for the church.
    - Search out and respond to the needs, hopes and ideas of parishioners. All of which are linked to the issues considered in the Synod.

    In addition
    - Raise awareness of the work of the SVP as they need more members.
    - Stations of the cross, we need to see if budget can be made available to have proper stations put in place.

8. Role of PPC

    - Fr. Jerry discussed the role of the PPC.
    - ACTION
        - Review the way the PPC is structured to ensure that all groups that operate within the church have visibility and that all key areas are represented.
        - Safeguarding audit needs to be done and all DBS renewals to take place.

9. Fr. Jerry concluded the AGM with a prayer.