

Soup Run .

The Catholic Churches in Bath provide the soup run every Friday with St John's being responsible for the second Friday . This valuable service would not be possible without the volunteers who make the soup and sandwiches and distribute them and in particular Anne and Peter Dolan who organise and lead it all . There was a vote of thanks to all of them for the good work they have done .

Breakfast Rota

Fr Tom and a rota of volunteers provide breakfast every morning six days per week to whoever comes to the door of the presbytery . This is a basic breakfast of a drink and a cheese sandwich.

There are a number of volunteers who help with this work and there is always a need for more . Anyone who is interested and could spare the time should contact Fr Tom.

New Liturgy

There is a retranslation of the Bible and this will result in changes to some of the words phrases and responses used in the present liturgy .In the main they constitute a more literal translation of the Latin. These will come into usage in Advent this year .Fr Tom gave some examples of the changes that will be coming .

There will be more information published and made available during the coming year which will be included as inserts in the bulletin .

Any other business

It was again noted that there were no accounts available for the AGM and there was an undertaking that these would be sent out as soon as possible .

St John's Parish

Minutes of AGM

8th May 2011

St John's Parish Annual General Meeting

8th May 2011

The AGM was held in the parish hall after the 11.00 mass .
In attendance were Fr Tom , members of the pastoral council and parishioners .

Fr Tom opened the meeting with a prayer

Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were accepted as a record of the last meeting

Matters arising

The refurbishment of the parish hall has commenced and the next stage is replace the carpet with wood laminate flooring .

The pastoral plan is not fully complete .The Deanery pastoral council wants to improve communication between the parishes which make up the Deanery in preparation for the reduction in the number of priests . The deanery pastoral council will inform the Bath parishes in the Deanery newsletter about these developments.

It was also noted that Fr Augusto had contributed a talk at the last AGM and had also returned to the parish to give another talk within the last month. These were very interesting and well received .

Parish Accounts

These were not available to the AGM . There were requests from a number of parishioners that these should be made available as soon as possible .It was agreed that these would be included as an insert into the bulletin.

Quinquennial Survey

There was a question about the survey of the church as it had been noted on the pastoral committee minutes that this had been completed .
The meeting was told that the survey had been carried out by the Diocesan surveyor but that the final report had not yet been received .When this is received it will be placed at the back of the church for parishioners to read .
The survey will form the basis of the schedule of repairs and maintenance that are required for the church .

Fr Tom explained that there were a number of repairs that were needed but that the most urgent work was required to the West Window and in particular to the roof where there was damage being caused by the pigeons who nested there .

When the completed survey is received the next stage will be for costs to be determined and estimates sought to undertake the work . At that stage it will be necessary to fund raise to meet the costs of the repairs .

Fair Trade

We are now a fair trade parish ,and there is a stall at the back of the church which will sell fair trade products four Sundays a year after Mass.

Pastoral council

There are three vacancies on the council and there have so far been two nominations . Elections will take place later this month.

Reports of Committees

Faith and Light will have their 40th Anniversary this month . Congratulations were given to them on having reached this milestone.

Christian Faith in the 21st Century

There have been monthly talks on the Catholic Faith and matters relating to this. These have been well attended and very interesting .David Packham has taken the lead in organising these and would welcome other parishioners to become involved in helping him to choose subjects and organise speakers .

200 Club . The club has raised £3065 for the parish and would welcome having new members .

Bath Life

They are holding an open meeting on 14th May at 14 Queen Square . There is a need for a new representative from the Bath parishes .

Catholic Social Action

There was a brief discussion about what St John's will do following the Pope's visit last year .The pastoral council would like advice and suggestions about possible projects that we could follow and also how we could forge links with other churches in Bath .

10th July there is a meeting in the Parade Gardens of Local Christian Families

150 Anniversary of St John's

6th October 1863 was the date of the consecration of St John's. The 150 anniversary will be in October 2013 . It is hoped that we will be able to celebrate this important date and that the necessary repairs to the church will have been completed by then.

Social committee

Forthcoming events are the wine tasting evening which will be held on 20th May .

There will be the parish Barn dance which will be held on 23rd September. The venue is not settled yet but will be either at St Gregory's or St Luke's.

Safeguarding

Anthony Hamlin undertakes the important role of the safeguarding rep for the parish. He reported that all the correct CRB and other checks had been undertaken for anyone who worked with children .He was thanked for this work .