

## **The Deanery Priests meeting.**

Date: 20th Feb. 2020. Time: 2.00pm.

Venue: St Richard's Presbytery, Atherton.

Present: Fr Paul Seddon (Dean), Fr Kieran O'Grady, Fr Gordon Abbs, Fr Paul Grady.

The Minutes of 9th Jan. meeting were looked at.

Matters arising.

E mail addresses still not sorted out by the diocese.

St John Rigby yet to get bank accounts: they continue to use the existing ones.

Safeguarding audit has been completed by all parishes. Need to begin processing the volunteer roles.

Celebret/ID cards issued by the Chancellor yet to be applied for- their issue is conditional on maintaining up to date Safeguarding training.

Building work.

Holy Family been asked to resubmit building application to the Trustees meeting for next week, provided that they lower the spec for the roof and hence reduce the budget.

St Richards awaiting redecoration- checking that porch doesn't leak.

Sacred Heart: new windows with toughened polymer plastic protection.

St Josephs: electrical work on the hall has begun.

St Lewis damp work ongoing.

Lay funeral ministers. List to be compiled by Fr Kieran and then get them together.

EM course: went well. List of people who did the course to be commissioned once Safeguarding have processed them.

The Deanery Novena. Suggested we use the Synod prayer as the thread and theme. "Becoming the church we are called to be".

Dates and agreed venues:

23 April St Richards: all at 7.30pm.

30th April St Ambrose Barlow

7 May St Josephs

14 May St Lewis

21 May Feast of Ascension.

28 May Sacred Heart HG.

4 June All Saints

11th June Sacred Heart. Leigh.

18 June Holy Family.

Parish Councils: Edmund Arrowsmith still to form one; but the rest are up and running.

Overnight meeting went well. Look to repeat in autumn.

Looking to progress the suggestion of mass changes at St Lewis/All Saints tweaking by half an hour.

Coming up to six months since the mass timetable changes.

Look to the next meeting for the deanery forum date.

AOB: John Ledger's salary. Direct Debits need to be set up on each parish he works for to pay his wages.

Date of next meeting: 23 April. Lunch at the Bull, Astley.