

Catholic Parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston incorporating St. Peter's Bude

Minutes of the Parish Annual General Meeting held in the Charles Langdon Room, Launceston on Sunday 1st June 2014

Present: Fr. David Annear (Parish Priest), Philip Stephenson (Chair),
Dave Thomas (Treasurer), and about 20 parishioners

In attendance: Alison Moore (secretary), taking minutes.

The meeting was opened at 11.25 with a prayer.

1.0 The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting.

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Lea Deely and Anne Hammond.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 11th May 2013 was proposed by Peter Ware, seconded by Catherine Abbots and passed without dissent.

3.0 Fr. David presented the Parish Report (attached) and made the following comments:

1. More involvement is needed from the Polish and Filipino communities. However, they have to work very long hours. We have recently "lost" a family who find Sunday Mass very difficult to get to.
2. The recent death of Derek Clark is a reminder that the old stalwarts are disappearing. When the building work is complete. Fr. David will try to discern what people can do, as vague appeals produce little. There is a need for help from parishioners, for example in looking after the hall, organising a rota for coffee after Sunday Mass, etc.
3. Young families are falling by the wayside and are not seen at Mass as often. Fr. David will try to visit them, and will also try to re-establish the Children's Liturgy, coffee after Mass, and other social activities.
4. Fr. David is intending to re-decorate the Upper Room and re-name it the "Richard McElroy Room" in honour of the former Parish Priest who founded the Launceston Pilgrimage. Most activities, such as First Holy Communion preparation, can then take place in the re-decorated room and can be moved to Sunday after Mass.
5. Fr. David's booklet on the Launceston Pilgrimage is finished and will be printed within a few weeks. The date of this year's Pilgrimage is to be confirmed but is likely to be Sunday 5th October.

Fr. David also spoke of the ongoing building works: progress is being made but it is a slow process.

- 4.0 Dave Thomas presented the Financial Report (attached). This will be displayed on the notice boards of both churches, in accordance with Diocesan requirements.

Bohdan Meeson congratulated Dave Thomas on the production of such clear accounts.

- 5.0 The election of officers: Lea Deely was elected as Chair. Proposed by Catherine Abbot, seconded by Peter Ware and carried unanimously.

No nominations were received for the Deputy Chair and this remains unfilled.

- 7.0 Other Business:

Fr. David made the point that more PPC members were needed.

The meeting closed at 12 noon with the "Glory be..."