

ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW

SOUTHERN DEANERY Council Meeting on 3 September 2024

St James's Hall, Pollok

Report of Meeting

1. **Prayer and Welcome**

The Chairman led the meeting with a prayer, and welcomed the members present.

2. **Report of last meeting (28 May 2024)**

This report was noted. It was essentially the paper that had been presented to the Archbishop in May. It was noted that this was an advisory paper to the Archbishop and was not a set of decisions. It would be a matter for the Archbishop to use it as guidance when looking at changes in parishes.

It was noted that it would be wise for parishes affected by the paper to look at how they might develop in the future.

3. **Changes in the Deanery**

Parish changes and developments (mergers etc)

The Dean indicated a range of changes that had taken place over the summer in personnel and in parish developments.

The case of St Albert's was described with a decision taken by the Archbishop to effect a merger with St Helen's, and Fr Lyons was moving to St Joseph's, Milngavie. Meanwhile this decision for the parish was being contested and being reviewed in Rome.

Fr David Wallace is moving to be Administrator of the Cathedral and is being replaced by Fr Joe Mackle. Fr Bathgate SX and the SX order are also moving and being replaced by Fr Joe Sullivan.

4. **Progress of Deanery Council**

a. Advice to Archbishop –

This phase of the work of the Deanery Council was now complete and attention would now turn to the process of evangelisation.

b. Reconfiguration of Pastoral Areas as a result of mergers etc?

It was thought appropriate to leave the question of reconfiguring Pastoral Areas till some of the areas met and had agreed how parish changes might take place.

c. Evangelisation – Committee

Fr John Carroll was forming a Committee within the Deanery. This would be created through members who had an interest and experience in the area of evangelisation. This Committee would undertake its work and report to the Deanery Council at its next meeting.

5. Newsletter for South Deanery

It was agreed that the Dean and Co-Chair would develop a Newsletter, focusing largely on matters of evangelisation. It was hoped that the information on parish rationalisation might be best undertaken through “Flourish” or some other medium. Members were invited to contribute to this as they saw fit. It was hoped to distribute this within the next 2-3 weeks.

It was also suggested that a Deanery FB page should be created that would be a point of reference and discussion for information concerning the Deanery. It was also recommended that parish events and shared and publicised with other parishes in the deanery

6. Date of future meeting

12 November 2024