

Present:

R. Clark, J. Docherty, H. Giusti, C. Molnar, Fr H. O'Brien, R. Boyd

Apologies:

A. O'Donnell, L. Pearson

1. Welcome

Rita welcomed **Claire Molnar** to her first meeting as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Claire will focus on developing the role of **young adults** in parish life.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Altar Server Training:**
CM will begin training altar servers in **June**, after the Holy Communion services. Peter Lavery has expressed interest in assisting with the training.
- **Befriending Group:**
A call for interest in a parish **Befriending Group** will be included in the bulletin after Easter. Initial discussions addressed **volunteer training, disclosure checks, and identifying those in need of visits.**

3. Easter Bunny Breakfast – 13 April

- To follow both Sunday Masses.
- Proceeds from **donations and the raffle** will support a parishioner attending the **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes.**
- Arrangements finalized for:
 - Food
 - Easter eggs for children
 - The Easter Bunny appearance
 - Raffle coordination

4. Jubilee Year Fundraising

- Commended the success of funds raised to provide meals for a Zambian school via **Mary's Meals.**
- Agreed to continue fundraising **post-summer holidays**, with aims to:
 - Support **Friends of the Holy Land**
 - Continue aid to the Zambian school for **sustainable long-term support**

5. Financial Contributions

- RC to explore:
 - Installation of a **card machine** in the church

- Display of a **QR code** for easy digital donations

6. Children's Liturgy

- Attendance has increased significantly, with **up to 40 children** some weeks.
- Discussion to be held with **Rona Honnet** regarding introducing a separate session for **older children** after the summer.

7. Youth Project

- CM shared her vision for a **youth project** targeting **secondary school students**, building on the **Caritas programme**.

8. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business)

- RC to organize a **defibrillator refresher training session** in June.
- A **midweek coffee morning** will be held after Easter.
- A **coffee morning will be held on Sunday 18 May**, with a special invitation to **First Communicants and their families**.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7 May at 7:00 pm
