

MINUTES OF A PARISH MEETING HELD IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT 1045 ON 02 MAR 08

Present	Sqn Ldr Roisin O'Brien MACR Gerry Mayer Rev (Sqn Ldr) James Caulfield 23 other members Flt Lt Paul Mayo (Retd)	RC Chaplain Parishioners Parishioner	OIC Dep OIC RC Chaplain Sec
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1 Holy Week and Easter Services	<p>1. The Services that would take place over Holy Week and Easter were discussed.</p> <p>2. <u>Decisions</u>. The following programme was agreed:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day/Date/Time</th> <th>Service</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a. Thursday 20 Mar – 1900</td> <td>Last Supper</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. Friday 21 Mar – 1500</td> <td>Good Friday.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. Saturday 22 Mar – 1900</td> <td>Easter Vigil.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day/Date/Time	Service	a. Thursday 20 Mar – 1900	Last Supper	b. Friday 21 Mar – 1500	Good Friday.	c. Saturday 22 Mar – 1900	Easter Vigil.	Sec
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2 Preparation for Fr James' Posting	<p>1. Fr James is due to be detached from the end of May and sadly he will not be returning to the Parish as he will then be posted to Cranwell. Unfortunately, there are currently no plans to replace Fr James immediately and the post will be gapped for 12 months or possibly longer.</p> <p>2. Whilst the Bishop has undertaken to replace Fr Caulfield as soon as he is able, Fr Caulfield has been asked not to arrange for an officiating padre to cover during the interregnum.</p> <p>3. The current congregation maintains an ongoing ethos which enables Lyneham's service personnel and their families to attend Mass whenever they wish to or are able to. Lyneham's service personnel and their families are remembered each week in prayers.</p> <p>4. Clearly, if there were no Mass at all during the 1 year gap then there would be no Parish for any newly posted priest to take over. The loss of the Parish at a main RAF transport base such as Lyneham would be tragic.</p> <p>5. <u>Decision</u>. It was decided that the parishioners would do everything possible to maintain the Parish – in particular for serving personnel and their families as they are posted in and detached to and from RAF Lyneham.</p> <p>6. A number of options were considered however it became clear that whatever the vehicle, the community needed to be kept alive for the year. The hope was that this would be</p>	All								

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5 First Holy Communion	1. June had kindly agreed to run the First Holy Communion classes which were running according to plan.																			
6 Church Tidy Up	<p>1. The area around the outside of the Church was becoming littered and needed to be cleared up. In addition the inside of the Church needed to be tidied.</p> <p>2. The OIC informed everyone that there would be a Station Commander's inspection of the Church on 12 Mar.</p> <p>3. <u>Decision</u>. There would be a clean up organised immediately following Mass on 9 Mar.</p>	Sec																		



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