



Sacred Heart Church
 Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
 Thursday, 27 July 2017

PRESENT

Paula Bates	John Fletcher
Maggie Dullaghan	Canon Bennie Noonan
Deacon Philip Pugh	Suzanne Yates
Anne Gadsden, PAC	

APOLOGIES

Helen Burgess	Siobhan Campbell
Eamonn Diver	Diana Page
Peter Leatherland PAC	

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1.	DPP opened the meeting with a Prayer	
2.	<p>Apologies – as above</p> <p>SC asked SY to pass on following message – <i>I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the PPC members for their support in the making Bishop Peter's visit such a success and in particular for the open and insightful contributions at the meeting. I could see that Bishop Peter listened with great interest and we all benefited from the opportunity and his blessing.</i></p> <p><i>In addition I would like to note that I met with Deacon Philip and Hugh Davis on Saturday to discuss the changes and how we will move forward. Hugh will be meeting with Fr. John shortly and we will meet on a regular basis over the next few months.</i></p>	
3.	Minutes were passed and agreed that they would be published on website.	• SY to send to TD
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed within the meeting 	
5.	<p>Review of Bishop Peter's Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This went very well and Bishop Peter (+P) was very positive and he was able to help people understand why things had to change +P was very complimentary about his meeting with the PPC and with SC presentation. He thought the report the group put together could be used as a 	

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	<p>template by other groups. The conversation group that checked the presentation were DPP, DP, SC, PL and Roger Wilshaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +P had a checklist which DPP addressed • The presentation made it clear that it was important remained as Sacred Heart community • +P joined the YouCat group on the Saturday evening 	
6.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Pastoral Area Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBN said with the meeting with +P went well. +P summarised all the parishes and was extremely positive. He also said our presentation was a format for others to follow • AG said that the PAC had a clear plan and a process for making things work and for all parishes to continue and have Mass • DPP said we need to pray for all churches in the PAC so they would be able to deal with the changes • Peter Leatherland's report summarised as follows <p>The letter from +P advising all parishes of the forthcoming changes was issued in May. As the PAC had, for some time, been discussing the implications for the area in the event of a reduction in the number of priests available to serve all parishes, these changes were accepted as the most appropriate outcome. The more detailed changes required in each parish would now be discussed and agreed by the clergy and then communicated to each parish for implementation.</p> <p>The detailed work done by the PPC at Sacred Heart to prepare the way forward for us was presented to the meeting to help each parish with their forthcoming changes.</p> <p>The PAC is looking again at the need to raise awareness for all parishes to provide for our young people under three headings – Review, Refresh, Reboot.</p> <p>Review – each parish to see what its current catechetical programme offers</p> <p>Refresh – look at what does/does not work, see what improvements can be made</p> <p>Reboot – research available resources, spread best practices between parishes, engage services of NYMO</p> <p>A full and frank discussion took place with many ideas</p>	

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	<p>for and opinions on the reasons why young people drift</p> <p>away from the church. All members were agreed that something has to be done, sooner rather than later and each parish committed to finding a younger lay person who can be seconded to the PAC to take this project forward over the coming months.</p> <p>Review stage until the autumn. Discussed that parents do not have the confidence to talk to their children about their faith</p> <p>We also re-iterated the need to continue with our PAC mission to increase evangelisation to our parish communities to help them grow and flourish in these changing times. More discussions will be held at our next meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Health and Safety – JFle No report</p> <p>(iii) Safeguarding – PB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spreadsheet for each activity within the parish has been developed. PB will pass these on to DPP to ensure no group or activity has been missed. PB has liaised with each group leader/coordinator. A few volunteers have just left. Out of courtesy BP to contact all concerned this week. • PB has one DBS outstanding with two people I need to contact to start the process. The renewal of all older DBS is to commence shortly. • Computer Based Training (CBT) PB still working through the modules. <p>Children Liturgy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are five leaders and one chaperone. Children’s liturgy is managing as either a parent attends and can be a chaperone or a friend within the congregation helps out. (The second adult does not require a DBS if they just stepping in occasionally.) <p>Once the Mass time changes and FHC classes start we may need the chaperones to be on a Rota. At the moment uptake is very small at 11.00 am Mass (around 6 children)</p> <p>Finance – sub-committee of SC, HD and DPP meeting to think about the consequences of the changes to the parish which could lead to less funds</p> <p>Parish has a contingency fund of £50,000 with the diocese. Lot of this due to uptake of direct debit and the collection of gift aid – well done JFle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB to check that all groups are following the diocesan procedures for attendance

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	<p>(iv) Social Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPP presented calendar for the rest of the year and the beginning of 2018 <p>(v) Social Media – MD</p> <p>Some of the screenshots from our Facebook page, indicate how many users are being reached through our posts. You can see that a post for Fr. Denis’s anniversary reached 3,745 people! We currently have 131 Likes. The post engagements reached 588, which means that users have either ‘Liked’ or commented on the posts. You will also see on the second page the number of engagements per post.</p> <p>(vi) CTA&F – HB</p> <p>Women’s World Day of Prayer – feedback: Both services went well. The service at Ampthill had been quite well attended but the one at Flitwick not so. It was suggested that maybe just one service would be better in future but the decision was not in our hands.</p> <p>Feedback from Easter 2017</p> <p>Lenten Prayer Spaces: It had been most encouraging that many more people had attended this year and some had attended many. People had been visibly touched by what they had experienced. The themes had helped greatly. Discussion had taken place at the fraternal as to what should be involved in a prayer station and that had made for a more cohesive approach. It was decided to do them again next year.</p> <p>Walk of Witness: This had been very well attended. The format, venues and words had been successful and people had spoken of it being a meaningful event. Our thanks went to Peter for providing the sound. The cost had been considerably lower this year due to the purchase of cheaper buns.</p> <p>Sunrise service: This had been very well attended with nearly 60 persons there and many young people in attendance.</p> <p>Easter services: Brief reports of the Easter activities from each church were given. Services had been very well attended with some services having an overflow. It was most heartening to hear this.</p>	

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7.	<p>Mind Body and Soul Fayre – feedback: The report from those leading the Christian stall had been circulated prior to the meeting. We were grateful for their time and energy in such a demanding situation</p> <p>Christian Aid Week – feedback: So far £4486.88 had been collected door to door which was down on last year's total. This was in spite of the difficulty of cold calling restrictions and the lack of volunteers to do the collecting. Over £500 had been gained from the Big Breakfasts and £500 from the collection outside Tesco's. The total amount is about the same as last year. The service at Sacred Heart had been well attended and had been particularly moving. The speaker had been excellent.</p> <p>Pentecost in the Park went well. We ran a little craft activity making Pentecost Key rings – the Burgess family minus Mum ran this with Deacon Philip. Little 'Uns provided 'Dove cakes' and readers in Slovakian for the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>Marie Mead is asking about next year in Flitwick and booking the venue now.</p>	
8.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 September 	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E Bulletin – members happy for this to go ahead - Future – serving people with 'special' needs, car park will have a permit scheme and parking will be available at Flitwick Lower School a five minute walk away - Meetings in 2018 to be second Thursday of the month with an extra meeting for the AGM <p>PPC meetings 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 January 8 March 10 May 14 June – AGM 12 July 13 September 8 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote of thanks to Chris Yates and SY for organising the trip to the Military Museum in Chicksands - CBN thanked the PPC for their support and cooperation while he has been parish priest at Sacred Heart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SY to send dates to all PPC members
10.	CBN closed meeting with a prayer	