



Sacred Heart Church  
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick  
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council  
Thursday, 23 May 2019

**PRESENT**

Helen Burgess	Siobhan Campbell
Fr. John Danford	John Fletcher
Diana Page	Deacon Philip Pugh
Roger Wilshaw	Suzanne Yates

**APOLOGIES**

Paula Bates	Maggie Dullaghan
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Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1	Opening prayer form AGM	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes were passed as a true record and with one revision <b>agreed</b> that they would be published on website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to website</b></li> </ul>
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> No matters	
5	<b>Focus Areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the July meeting we will continue to discuss what we mean by outreach</li> <li>• Back to church Sunday on 15 September</li> <li>• Messy church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to July agenda</b></li> <li>• <b>SC to lead on this</b></li> </ul>
6	<b>Standing Items</b> <p>(i) <b>Health and Safety – JFle</b> New manual available</p> <p>(ii) <b>Safeguarding – PB</b> I have no reported safeguarding issues. I currently have six renewal applications outstanding, four with the Diocese and two being worked upon. The annual conference was postponed until October.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Children Liturgy Report – PB</b> From mid June we are only a team of two. I think we will be able to cover most weeks until July but suggest we confirm with Deacon and Father John</p>	

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	each week prior to Mass starting.	
(iv)	<b>Catechist Report – DP</b> Discussion on ecumenical responsibilities for older children. Perhaps Taize	
(v)	<b>Finance</b> See AGM report	
(vi)	<b>Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY</b> Circulated	
(vii)	<b>Social Media – MD</b> report circulated	
(viii)	<b>CTA&amp;F – HB</b> Discussed Pentecost in the Park. Need to bring a picnic lunch for 1.00 pm and service at 2.30 pm. Michael Trodden is retiring in August and it was felt that Sacred Heart should acknowledge this in some way. Mental Health talk by Richard Luscombe at Sts Peter and Paul on 10 July at 7.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to newsletter and RL details to DP</b></li> </ul>
(ix)	<b>PAC – PL</b> At the PAC meeting in April, we discussed the outcome of a Day of Reflection held at Thornton College, hosted by Bishop Peter, to look at the issues surrounding the Changing shape of Leadership in the Church.  Papers produced set out some new Diocesan ideas to try and increase the involvement of the Laity to ensure that, in these times of a continuing reduction in the number of Priests available, our parish communities will continue to have an active and appropriate leadership. Deacon Philip has created a more understandable document to guide the main discussion item at our July meeting. The main steps forward include each parish identifying a Facilitator who will be trained to help lead a further Day of Discernment in October to work through the details of training programme for volunteers to become formally commissioned as Pastoral Leaders. There is a good article in this month's edition of The Vine which may be helpful to you. This process is detailed will take time to implement. As the different stages are completed the PPC will be updated.	
(x)	<b>Just One House – DPP</b> This has now become the	

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	remit of the Red Cross and Milton Keynes Council are not accepting any more refugees and housing them as they feel they now need to support the families they have.	
7	<b>Next Meeting – 11 July 2019 at 7.30 pm</b>	
8	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPP mentioned Peter Clark who can be belligerent and aggressive at times and we have suggested groups keep church locked</li> <li>• There are a number of homeless people around the area</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Meeting closed with a prayer and blessing</b>	