



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 17 June 2021 by Zoom

PRESENT

Paula Bates	Fr. Jerry Manomey
John McNeil	Diana Page
Roger Wilshaw – Chair	Suzanne Yates
Peter Leatherland - PAC	

APOLOGIES

Helen Burgess	Mick Fagan
John Fletcher	Deacon Philip Pugh

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1	Opening prayer said by Fr. Jerry All PPC members present introduced themselves as FJM first meeting	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes of January meeting to go on website	– SY to add to website
4	Matters Arising Bereavement Mass discussed	FJM and DPP to discuss
5	<p>Renew RW</p> <p>RW discussed what the process was for Renew was. Looked at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what we achieved • what we want to be • how we get there <p>20 people in 3 discussions groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Formation • Resources <p>Main Points from each group are as follows</p> <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we reconnect with those who have lost touch? • Are there ways to meet vulnerable people outside Mass? • How do we maintain a community that doesn't chat after and before Mass? • Are we sure everybody has been protected and supported? 	

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	<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we spread the load across our volunteers? • How do we deliver mandated ministry? • How do we build long term financial sustainability? <p>Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we support families to return and strengthen their children's faith? • How do we help adults explore and deepen their faith? • What about those in their 20s and 30s? <p>Discussion on how we report this back to the parish</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 We've achieved a lot during lockdown –build on it, don't lose it / just go back to how things were 2 We should find a way to publicise what the parish offers and who to contact for help (photos of volunteers / leaflets) 3 We should try to start some more sociable activities (fun things for young people / walking club / families opportunity to connect) 4 We should explore how we support those who need to talk to somebody –a dedicated phone number? 5 Call and Care should be revived and can be still relevant after Covid 6 We should find ways to involve children (more) in the Mass 7 We should explain the Church view on how services of Word and Communion should be used 8 As soon as possible we should restart tea and coffee after Mass 9 We should explore ways to enhance the support we give to those who are bereaved 10 Should we run some projects for people to get involved in? 11 We should not abandon our ambition on Mandated Ministry 12 We should retain and strengthen the model of lay leadership we have used 13 There was hurt when the Mass moved to 9am and a feeling Flitwick lost out –we hear that 14 We need to find a way to address the hurt some people have and recognise that not everybody likes the decision-making process <p>Discussed the value of streaming Mass for those who cannot attend.</p> <p>PL – the good outweighs the not so good. There is strong community support. FJM will help bring it all together</p> <p>PB – comments broad and now is the time to look forward</p>	

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	<p>FJM – a parish needs to organise to grow/ More things keep us together than divide. There are still a number of parishioners who have not returned to Mass and the Mass is what keeps us together.</p> <p>The gap in the process is the young people. Suggested we ask similar questions to the young people of the parish. Need two groups. Children up to 12 and those 12 to 18. Suggested we have sessions after Mass. DP – suggested we wait until after the September term begins PB – discuss the volunteers who can help FJM – the pope wants us to get young people closer</p> <p>Start the altar servers as soon as possible – Paul Rowntree is working on this.</p> <p>Plan to do this... Need a couple of PPC members and a couple from the Renew group to put plan together. This should be done over the summer. Idea to have the groups report after Mass and have it streamed.</p>	<p>Suggested CD, HB, RW. DP will assist where possible</p> <p>RW and SY to discuss this</p>
6	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Health and Safety – JFle Nothing to report at the moment.</p> <p>The stewards have been doing a great job, cleaning and welcoming</p> <p>(ii) Safeguarding – PB PB will update at next meeting as all DBC forms are over 18 months old.</p> <p>(iii) Children Liturgy Report – PB Nothing to report due to COVID-19.</p> <p>(iv) Catechist Report – DPP Catechesis will start again this year, with Reconciliation starting in October running through till March, then FHC following on with the mass on the 2 July. We are asking all children to be in year 3 and upwards to start the year programme. (age 7+) The sessions will take place before Saturday mass at 3.00 pm. The Lead catechist will be Cassie Wood and Debbie Lewis is staying on as administrator.</p> <p>We are also going to run Confirmation which will start in March next year with the Confirmation Mass being taken by Bishop David on the 14 July. The programme will start with a retreat being run by Helen at church on 2 February and sessions starting on the 12 March. The sessions will be run</p>	<p>PB may hold a surgery after Mass to get all renewed and updated</p>

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	<p>by DP, supported by JMcN and will take place after Saturday Mass finishing at 7.00 pm.</p> <p>There will be a letter going out to all parents in the data base asking for them to sign up, so we have a good idea of the numbers.</p> <p>We have also decided that even if there is a local lockdown we will go ahead on zoom.</p> <p>FJM has agreed to the running of the programme as it is this year, with a possibility of some videos to play, made by him at some of the sessions, and possibly taking the session on prayer for Confirmation. After we have run one year through he will look again and adjust as needed. We will also need a catechist for Confirmation in two years-time.</p> <p>(v) Finance No report available</p> <p>(vi) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY Presented with reports</p> <p>vii) Social Media – MD Need new person as MD has moved away.</p> <p>viii) CTA&F – HB Nothing to report</p> <p>(ix) PAC – PL Central Bedfordshire PAC has been disbanded. The churches will probably be linked to other PACs in the areas. When more information it will be distributed.</p>	
7	Meetings 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8 July - AGM ▪ 16 September ▪ 11 November 	
8	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's World Day of Prayer PB reported that this held at Sacred Heart and was streamed. There was a large attendance and more still watching. More that usually attends • FJM thanked everyone for his welcome and he said he was happy to be at Sacred Heart and looking forward to serving the parish 	
9	Meeting closed with a prayer led by FJM	