Sacred Heart Church

Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday 10th September

PRESENT

Myriam Rincon	Fr. Jerry Manomey
Margaret Ludlow	Peter Leatherland
Paula Bates	Kath Greenwood
Aggie Keeble	Ann Leatherland
Alison Braniff	

APOLOGIES

Cassie Wood	Maureen Graham
Siobhan Lees	

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1	Fr. Jerry opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Previous meeting minutes approved and can go on website.	
	Focus Areas for PPC continues to be: • Provide opportunities for parishioners of all ages to grow in holiness and enrich the quality of parish life. • Identify new ways to connect with young people • Raise the awareness of church activities with new parishioners. • Show that we are a caring church by being kind to each other in all that we do. • Create opportunities to grow number of people who do volunteering for the church. • Search out and respond to needs, hopes and ideas of parishioners.	
4	**Matters Arising** **a. Stations of the Cross Update.** The stations will be commissioned and blessed at the Feast of the Holy Cross Mass on Saturday 14 Sept 2023. **b. New Tabernacle.** A new Tabernacle has been donated. It is planned to be placed in the same area as the current Tabernacle. It is bigger therefore more	Fr Jerry

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	visible. The current stand will need to be extended and the poster behind removed. Diocesan permission for the new Tabernacle is required which Fr Jerry stated he had already been given. PPC suggested that Fr Jerry needs to discuss with the wider Parish why the Tabernacle is being replaced. This could be at Mass. It is unclear if the current Tabernacle was donated therefore if the Tabernacle is to be changed, it will need to be done sensitively. There was much discussion between those present as to the merits of such a change with opinion being not in favour. There was also a feeling that parishioners should be consulted for their views, and it was agreed that further discussion around this matter would take place at November's PCC meeting. **c. Year of Prayer.** The Jubilee prayer is being said at all Masses starting from last week. PL is learning a more simplified version of the Jubilee Hymn for the guitar. **d. Casper database implementation.** There are currently 78 names on the database. Parishioners need to sign in to give their name, address and contact email. Casper can provide a QR code that can help with the annual Mass count and Census due in October however, agreed that this might not be a simple way to count.	PL

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5	**Standing Items** i. PAC – ML will attend the PAC next week. ii. Health and Safety – HD No accidents, incidents or near misses to report. One loose paving slab on the entrance ramp. This marked with a warning cone. The gutters have been cleaned. Wildflowers to be sown in the area behind the Canon Denis room. iii. Safeguarding – PB No issues to report. PB will send KG the safeguarding/DBS info and forms for the new volunteers for Mini Vinnies. PB to discuss with Don Perrett to consider if Readers and Alter Servers give consent to be filmed for the live streaming. All First Holy Communion Candidates need to agree to be Readers therefore parents/guardians need to give written consent for them to be livestreamed. iv. Sacred Heart, Flitwick Children's Liturgy-KG – report provided. v. Liturgical Update. KG. Catechesis - Ist Holy Communion preparation to start after October Half Term. The hanging of the new Stations of The Cross will take place after the Homily at Mass on Saturday 14th September. Revised versions of the missalette to be made available. Fr Jerry to ask the views of the parishioners on whether the missalette should be kept. Views of parishioners can be asked at the next census. From the First Sunday of Advent all readings to be from the one ambo to the right of the altar. Meeting to be arranged with the Readers to discuss. vi. Finance – HD PL Income and expenditure report issued at the meeting and attached to minutes. The Website has been set up financed by the 200 Club. vii. SVP – Since last report in April, SVP have made over 240 actual visits and 72 virtual visits to 48 beneficiaries. SVP arranged a Mass for the Sick with Anointing on 21st June which was well attended and appreciated. Annual report will be presented to the Parish on 7/8 Sept and making the annual appeal on 14/15 Sept. There are currently 16 Conference members. KG is	ML HD PB Fr Jerry

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	leading an initiative to establish a branch of 'Mini Vinnies' in the Parish. This is for children aged 7 – 11 years. In addition to introducing Vincentian values and spirituality to the children, it may reduce the average age of our Vincentians to less than the current 74. viii. Parish Calendar of Events including social activities. No updates ix. Website. There are still some issues with pages not opening properly and the website needs to be tidied up. SY, AK x. CTA&F - see attached minutes from recent meeting. xi. Parish Calendar provided at the meeting.	
6	**Any Other Business.** • Pilgrimage 2025 – Given the demise of Special Pilgrimages, alternative companies have been considered and by recommendation Knock Pilgrimages has been selected. Details of the Pilgrimage are now available and sign-up • Rosary before every Mass in October to start 30 minutes before Mass starts, ie, 4.30 pm for 5 pm, 8.30 am for 9am, 10.30 am for 11.00 am. • ML- There is a follow up workshop regarding the Eucharistic Adoration on 12th October however this will clash with the Parish reflection day. • Fr Jerry is away 16th – 26th September 2024.	
7	**Next Meeting** ▪ PPC Tuesday 12th November in Parish Room at 6.30 pm.	
	Meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr. Jerry	