

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 4th May 7.30pm The Presbytery

Persons Present: Canon David: Deacon George: Mary Wolstenholme: Stephen Patterson: Brigid Dent: Maureen Smith: Sharon Cole: Francine Lyons

Agenda emailed in advance.

1. OPENING PRAYER and WELCOME

Apologies: Sr. Teresina: Philip Reynolds: Julian Tisi: Sinead O'Carroll

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Item to be included in the newsletter re: the total for the Lenten Arms.

3. PARISH WEEK 2017

- a) Saturday 10th June – Mass with anointing of the sick – 12pm. Followed by refreshments.
- b) After some discussion – the proposed date for the 'Parish Marketplace' is Sunday the 11th June – after both Masses.

Newsletter invite / notification re: the 'Marketplace.'

Refreshments should be made available during the event.

Masses could be offered as a 'Ministries Mass.'

Hope being to attract interest (which may lead to participation or the meeting of needs) from not only within our parish community, but the wider community too.

Deacon George has been liaising with representatives from the various parish ministries including:

Bereavement Group	KIT	Children's Liturgy
SVP	Catenians	UCM
Walsingham Pilgrimage	Youth Group	Mustard Seed
Spirituality Group	Walking with Scripture	Missio – Red Boxes (Mill Hill priest will be present)

- c) Monday 12th June – St. Edward's First School event – for the families of the Year 4. To be held in the evening. Times to be confirmed.
- d) Thursday 15th June – Bishop Crispian to speak. Venue to be confirmed. Proposed time: 7.30pm.
- e) Friday 16 June – Exposition until midnight.
- f) Saturday 17th June – Mass celebrating Confirmation and the Parish Party.
Mandy McGovern is working to develop this event.
Hog Roast will be available, but greater consideration to be given to vegetarian options / choice.

4. St. Edward's 150 Anniversary

Meeting planned for the end of May. Proposed diary events:

- a) Holy Land Pilgrimage – Monday 16th April – Tuesday 24th April 2018.
- b) Visit to Westminster Abbey (May). Further details to follow.
- c) Parish Party – June.

- d) Civic Mass – June. Various local dignitaries to be invited.
- e) Windsor Festival Music Concert (September). Westminster Cathedral Choir to sing.
- f) Anniversary Mass (October).

- Project to support our twin diocese of Bamenda. Aim: developing an evangelisation activity with an element of legacy.

SP met with the Chair of the group in Portsmouth. Conversations are continuing. Possible options being explored:

Faith, health, education, social welfare (e.g.: the building of a well).

Another consideration could be the focusing on a particular activity or resource which would support an aspect of faith within the community. What is known about current needs or those into the 'future;' for example, the need for a vehicle to help people get around the diocese.

5. PPC – The Way Forward

Bishop Philip has suggested that in response to the need for evangelisation, each Pastoral Area should establish an Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST).

The ESTs will be 'a new body to replace the Pastoral Council...Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area.'

Considerations:

- Change of focus for the PPC. Evolving, refreshing and building upon the work done to date.
- How are we reaching out into the community?
- Recognition that we need to be involved with what is going on within the wider community, e.g. parish representation in events such as the 'Walk of Witness.'
- Could the Sion community return to advise on this?
- Father Liam may be able to offer guidance on this during the PPC Retreat to Douai in July.

6. PPC Retreat 2017

- 1st July – Douai Abbey: Retreat to be led by Fr. Liam of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Arrive: 10.30am

Start: 10.45am

Lunch: 12.45pm

End: 3.30pm

7. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 1st July – PPC Retreat

Wednesday 20th September

Thursday 30th November

8. AOB

Mike Wyld has asked for a 'few words on the objectives of the PPC' to put on the website.

SP – to compose brief overview to be forwarded.

- **CLOSING PRAYER** Meeting Closed 9.00pm