

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) held in the Undercroft, on Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.45 p.m.

Present were: Canon Anthony Dwyer, Lucy Rochford, Fernanda Paukstys Baptista, Jon Newham, Tony Fields, Sarah Shipley, Mark Quigley.

Apologies: Eddie Gaynor and Liz Bradley, who both had Covid. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. **Welcome, Apologies**

Canon welcomed everyone to the meeting. For apologies, see above.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes were accepted as a true and fair record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- It was suggested that we should aim for every parish family doing something for the parish community. This was thought to be a good idea; Canon emphasised the need to consider how we move towards this.
- How do we get the 40% who have not returned to church involved? We need to know who they are and create opportunities for them to re-engage (a big challenge!) It will be easier if they are invited to an event.
- The Mission Statement needs to be publicised.

4. **Family & Young People Project**

- Importance of organising a group for young people to experience church activities together, to build a sense of community. Youth Club idea. Different ages. Need to build the Church – School relationship.
- Immediate action? Restart Children's Liturgy/Mass at 9.45 Mass, including a readers' rota. Put a notice in the school newsletter? Lucy will help to set this up and will circulate instructions.
- Talk to young people themselves – find out what they want.
- Would young people want to sit on the PPC or have their own body? Older youngsters would be expected to have more agency.
- Need to respond open-mindedly to feedback.
- Explore what is done in Northampton Diocese (Jay is the Youth Chaplain) and Bethany Church.
- Tony and Fernanda are happy to take a role in any group.
- Key decisions – how to move this forward? Tony and Fernanda will come back to the PPC with questions and ideas about how to go forward (what skills are needed? What is the process?)
- Canon will publicise at Mass (and open meetings)?

5. **Returning to Mass:**

- See Matters Arising.

6. **Follow up to Synodal Pathway and Parish Survey:**

- Need to work out overlap between the two documents and work out 'immediate wins.'
- Many things could be addressed through the website.
- Fernanda and Lucy will combine documents and circulate results to the rest of the group.

7. Holy Week and Easter:

- Normal Holy Week – hopefully!
- Monday Penitential Service.
- Washing of feet on Maundy Thursday?
- Veneration of the Cross – no kissing of the cross.
- Vigil – sprinkling of Holy Water?
- Leaflet available by weekend of April 2/3.
- Canon on his own (no Fr Mark – in Scotland.)
- About half a dozen altar servers available. Sarah will put a notice in the St Dom's newsletter to get more.
- Saturday evening family mass a possibility (for those who do sport on Sunday.)

8. Date of next meeting:

- Wednesday May 4th at 7.30 p.m.

9. Any Other Business:

- Lucy will email Canon or Alison with which Synodal Pathway ideas could be dealt with via the website.

The meeting Closed at 9.00 pm.