

Hemel West Pastoral Parish Council (PPC)
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday March 14th, 2023 @ 1900hrs St Joseph's Hall

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| <p>PPC attendance: Fr Brian McMahon (FrB), Camille Fidget (CF), John Ricketts (JR), Suzanne Louw (SL), Stephen Iwunze (SIw), Minutes - Gladys Waweru (GW).</p> <p>Apologies: Callum Moore (CM), Mary Adeola (MAd).</p> <p>Retired from PPC: Marie Anthony (MA).</p> <p>Meeting opened with a prayer – FrB.</p> | |
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| 1. | Love in Action | Action |
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| | <p>As Hemel West Parish, through the Holy Spirit, we have completed the first part of Love in Action programme over a 6-week period with Fr. Brian preaching and introducing the parish to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I). Dignity II). Community and Participation III). Dignity of Workers IV). Solidarity and Peace V). Care of Creation & VI). Option for the Poor <p>The final topic (option for the poor) was preached by Bishop Paul McAleenan.</p> <p>As a parish we are all invited to attend the second part of Love in Action Big Meet Up in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor 7pm until 9.30pm on Tuesday March 28th, when we will move on with our next steps.</p> | FrB |
| 2. | Ongoing Catholic Theology Lectures, Parish Centre, Boxmoor, 10am - 3pm | |
| | <p>The Parish of Hemel West is hosting the Catholic Theology lecture series by expert theologians as lecturers to look at Catholicism holistically.</p> <p>The first lecture was held on 18 February, 2023 on Early Church History by Fr Peter Dwyer (Historian to the Cardinal).</p> <p>The next session (22/04/23) will be recorded by Radio Maria England, based in Cambridge.</p> <p>The next dates are as follows; 22 April, 2023 Later Church History, lecturer Fr Peter Dwyer. 29 April, 2023 New Testament, Fr John Deehan (Kentish Town Parish, MA, STB, LSS). 20 May, 2023 Old Testament, lecturer, Fr John Hemer (Mill Hill Missionary, LSS).</p> | FrB/Marie Otchi |

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| | <p>Let's know God so we can truly love Him! The lectures are free to attend but we would appreciate a pot of food to share and a donation for the lecturers. Any help on the day will be gratefully received i.e. putting out chairs, tidying up, coffee/tea etc.</p> <p>We recommend you attend as much as possible. To register please go to the link: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemel Hempsteadwest/ and select the date of the lecture you wish to attend.</p> | |
| 3. | Annual Parish Celebration – Open Air Mass on July 9th, 2023 – JFK grounds | |
| | <p>Hemel West Parish will hold an Annual Parish Celebration on JFK grounds – there will only be one Sunday Mass on the day across the parish @ 11am followed by celebration and socialising.</p> <p>Parishioners are encouraged to embrace the day and bring a pot of food/delicacies to share to celebrate our parish's diversity.</p> <p>More details will be communicated nearer to the time.</p> | FrB/PPC |
| 4. | Care Team | |
| | <p>CM will draft an action plan outlining what 'care' is/is not and other necessary requirements for Care Team members and circulate copy to PPC for deliberation.</p> <p>MAd will support CM head the initiative.</p> | CM/PPC MAd |
| 5. | CARITAS Supermarket Vouchers | |
| | <p>Hemel West was not allocated CARITAS vouchers for winter due to deadline limitations. However, we are glad we will be allocated spring vouchers worth £300. CF will run the programme.</p> <p>The vouchers will be allocated to those in need via communication with St. Cuthbert Mayne, St. Rose's & JFK.</p> <p>CF will also make announcements during forthcoming masses for any parishioners in need to contact FrB.</p> <p>Additional announcement will be published in the newsletter.</p> | CF JR/SL CF/FrB CF |
| 6. | Lenten Retreat, 2024 | |
| | <p>PPC will organise a Lenten Retreat next year as the proposed dates this year (Saturdays in March, 2023; 11th, 18th or 23rd) were not available at the Niland Convent in Bushey Heath near Watford.</p> <p>Parishioners attending will need to take individual packed lunches and we can all share our meals together during the lunch break setting.</p> <p>CF will head the initiative and contact the Niland Convent to book a place for next year.</p> | PPC CF |

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| 7. | Little Church - Fortnightly | |
| | <p>Maria Lawler will be starting a fortnightly Little Church at the 10.15am Mass from Sunday March 19th, 2023. Content will primarily be aimed at 4-7-year olds.</p> <p>The next provisional dates are: 16th & 30th April and 14th & 28th May. There will be provision for children during the 3pm Good Friday Service at Ss. Mary & Joseph.</p> <p>We are keen to expand our team to gradually increase its regularity and remit.</p> | CM |
| 8. | World Youth Day (WYD), Lisbon: August 1st – 6th, 2023 | |
| | <p>6 students from JFK have enrolled to attend WYD, cost will be @£750.</p> <p>CM will organise for the 6 students to visit the parish and meet the parishioners and possibly do a short presentation @ SMSJ & St. Mark's on WYD.</p> <p>FrB has agreed we could organise 2nd collection during some masses to help with travel for the students and will be happy to match the amount collected using the parish fund.</p> | CM FrB |
| 9. | Hemel West Parish Census | |
| | <p>Parish Census was conducted in November, 2022. A total of 195 families' data was collected and registered.</p> <p>The available data shows the weekend mass attendance to be 450+ hence there is need to undertake another initiative to collect parishioners' data in the forthcoming masses for those parishioners who missed during the first initiative.</p> | FrB |
| 10. | Parish Volunteer Program | |
| | <p>Many thanks to all the parishioners who completed the Parish Volunteer Form during the Planned Giving Drive (PGD) in November, 2022.</p> <p>CM is in the process of completing reconciliation of all the completed forms, parishioners who volunteered will be contacted by CM.</p> | CM |
| 11. | St. Joseph's International Feast Night & Food Celebration – March 18th, 2023 | |
| | <p>This year's feast night will take place on Saturday March 18th, 6pm until 9pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.</p> <p>To celebrate one of our parishes patron saints after the 6pm Mass. Please bring and share international food. There will be a quiz on the night. All are invited & welcome!</p> | CM |
| 12. | Our Lady of Walsingham Visit, June 2023 | |
| | <p>PPC is looking to organise for parishioners to attend a day trip to Our Lady of Walsingham.</p> <p>More details will be communicated nearer to the time.</p> | CF |
| 13. | The meeting closed @ 2015hrs with a prayer. | FrB |
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| | Next Meeting: Tuesday April 25th, 2023 @ 1900hrs St Joseph's Hall. | |