Hemel West Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes of Zoom Meeting Tuesday May 16th, 2023 @ 1900hrs

PPC attendance: Fr Brian McMahon (FrB), Callum Moore (CM), Mary Adeola (MA), Suzanne Louw (SL), Stephen Iwunze (SIw), Minutes - Gladys Waweru (GW).	
New member: Don Halahakoon (DH).	
Apologies: Camille Fidget (CF), John Ricketts (JR).	
Meeting opened with a prayer – FrB.	

1.	Annual Parish Celebration – Open Air Mass on June 11th, 2023 – JFK grounds	Action
	Annual Parish Party & Parish Mass will take place on the Solemnity of Corpus	CM/PPC
	Christi on Sunday 11 th June @ 11am in the grounds of JFK School. Do	
	please note that there will only be one Mass on this day and no other Sunday Masses in the Hemel West parish.	
	Immediately after the Mass there will be a short but solemn procession around	
	the school playing fields with the Blessed Sacrament to honour the Lord on this day, followed by a party.	
	Very important - do bring anyone who is sick and wishes for physical, spiritual	
	and emotional healing as the Lord passes by in the monstrance during the	
	procession. If we are expectant, miracles will follow.	
	Callum Moore our Pastoral Assistant Catechetical Co-ordinator is in charge of the	
	event. Parishioners are encouraged to offer help and support for the day by	
	adding their names and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church.	
	Parishioners are encouraged to embrace the day and bring a pot of	
	food/delicacies to share to celebrate our parish's diversity.	
	Many thanks to all parishioners who have already volunteered to offer various	
	services on the day.	
2.	Love in Action feedback post parish meeting held March 28 th , 2023 Main Action points identified:	
	1). Parishioners would like to know members of the Parish Pastoral Council	FrB/CM
	(PPC) & Parish Finance Committee (PFC). Suggestions made to publish member	
	photographs in the parish website and at the back of the church.	
	2). Contact list and photographs of other parishioners who provide other services	
	in the parish eg CARITAS, Catholic Women League, parish secretary. 3). PPC member to speak in Sunday masses after PPC meetings to brief	PPC
	parishioners.	FF0
	4). Fr. Brian to join tea and coffee after masses.	FrB
	5). Orchard on the grounds of the church – CM has already obtained permission.	СМ
	6). Information board signage with mass times on the foreground of the church.	FrB/GW

3.	Care Team	
	CM will complete an action plan and other necessary requirements for Care Team members.	СМ
	Parishioners in need will be contacted using the data available through the reconciled parish census.	CM/MA
4.	CARITAS Supermarket Vouchers	
	Hemel West was allocated CARITAS ASDA spring vouchers worth £300.	FrB/CF
	CF has been in communication with St. Cuthbert Mayne & St. Rose's to identify those in need in the parish.	
5.	Little Church - Fortnightly	
	Maria Lawler has been heading Little Church fortnightly at the 10.15am Mass since Sunday March 19th, 2023. Content is primarily be aimed at 4-7-year-olds.	СМ
	Dates will be published in the parish newsletter. Parents/guardians are encouraged to send their children to little church.	
	We are keen to expand our team to gradually increase its regularity and remit.	
6.	World Youth Day (WYD), Lisbon: August 1 st – 6 th , 2023	
	6 students from JFK have enrolled to attend WYD, cost will be @£750.	СМ
	CM will organise for the 2 students from our parish to meet FrB, visit the parish & meet the parishioners and possibly do a short presentation @ SMSJ & St. Mark's on WYD.	
	FrB has agreed we could organise 2 nd collection during some masses to help with travel for the students and will be happy to match the amount collected using the parish fund.	FrB
7.	Hemel West Parish Census - Ongoing	
	Parish Census was conducted in November 2022. A total of 195 families' data was collected and registered.	JR/SL
	The available data shows the weekend mass attendance to be 450+ hence there is need to continue with the initiative to collect parishioners' data in the forthcoming masses for those parishioners who missed during the first initiative in addition to new parishioners.	FrB
	New parishioners are encouraged to complete the parish census form available at the back of the church.	

8.	Parish Volunteer Program & Ministry Rota	
	Many thanks to all the parishioners who completed the Parish Volunteer Form during the Planned Giving Drive (PGD) in November 2022.	СМ
	CM has completed reconciliation of all the completed forms, parishioners who volunteered have been contacted and have been added to the Ministry Rota.	
	CM is in the process of booking training for Eucharistic Ministers.	
9.	The meeting closed @ 2033hrs with a prayer.	СМ
	Next Meeting: Tuesday June 6 th , 2023 @ 1900hrs St Joseph's Hall.	
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