

Action Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 16/03/2021

Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah (Parish Priest)	Peter Godwin	Elizabeth Lizzio (Vice-Chair)
Deacon Justin Cross	Mark James	Martha Moroney-Lewis
Craig Brown (Secretary)	Maureen Kelly (Secretary)	Eammon Rafferty
Katherine Ajibade	Christine Lambert (Chair)	Emma Smith
Teresa Clarke	John Lambert	Jackie Tominey

Apologies:

Deacon Paul O' Connor

	Opening Prayer
1	<p>St Bart's Parish Mission - Discussion of the definition of Evangelisation</p> <p>Fr Francis began talking about the definition of "Evangelisation" by referencing Matthew 28 16:20 – "16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."</p> <p>Following recent teaching by Pope Francis he said that we are not missionaries or disciples, but instead, we are "missionary disciples." Fr Francis and Deacon Justin expanded on the definition of a missionary disciple and how it applies in the work we are doing as part of the PPC. Fr Francis also talked about building on the groups we already have to create a community within the Parish.</p> <p>Several PPC members expressed that this mission can feel intimidating and very wide in scope but that we all hope we can play our part.</p> <p>It was felt that the words of Pope Francis, quoted in the slides shared prior to the meeting and shown below, were a good start for a definition of Evangelisation for our Parish.</p> <p>"Every Christian is called to be a missionary disciple here and now and to be actively engaged in Evangelisation by making God's saving love known to all people " Pope Francis.</p> <p>ACTION – For PPC members to try and come up with a simple definition of Evangelisation, these can be shared with the Chair to be shared before the next meeting.</p>
2	Current status of 5 Priorities and Next Steps.

	<p>Fr Francis, Deacon Justin and Deacon Paul have all reviewed the next steps for each group and are happy with the current progress. Fr Francis has agreed all the actions, the PPC feel each group should concentrate on a few items at a time.</p> <p>It was felt that the next step is to link up, and communicate, with the existing Parish groups and discuss how their work links with that of the PPC groups. There was a discussion about how best to do this and who to communicate with within each of the PPC and Parish groups.</p> <p>ACTION- To identify 2/3 key areas from each of the priority groups to move forward over next 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speak to the existing Parish groups during April. - Final approval from Fr Francis of a composite picture per Group (including existing groups’ inputs) and also linkage to the Parish calendar before sharing with the Parish for their views <p>ACTION – To update the list “mapping” the existing groups and re-circulate to PPC members. This will indicate which Priority group leader should contact the existing group.</p> <p>ACTION – Leaders of the PPC Priority groups to contact the leaders of the existing Parish groups to discuss what we are doing and to arrange conversations to understand the existing activities and see how they can work together. Conversations to be held by end April, if possible. To ensure consistency in approach some guidance will be circulated with some pointers to consider in discussions, together with the updated mapping.</p> <p>Following this a final draft plan of what can be achieved overall, and together, will be viewed by Fr Francis against the liturgical calendar to see if it is feasible.</p> <p>The question was raised as to what Fr Francis saw as the priorities for the Building Community PPC group to work on, the three that were identified were the buddy system, reaching out to vulnerable parishioners and the welcome pack for new parishioners.</p>
3	<p>Actions from Minutes of 16th February, the quote for Livestreaming services, the books for spiritual formation and the new parish Webmaster.</p> <p>Quotes for the livestreaming and the books for spiritual formation are in progress. Wi-Fi in the church is being organised by the Maintenance group. A small working party will be set up to look at the feasibility and costs and other related matters and report back.</p> <p>Three people stepped forward for the role of Webmaster, discussions about how this will work going forward and training in system and processes are ongoing.</p>
4	<p>Communicating with, and engaging, parishioners</p> <p>The Chair felt it was important that we start to engage with our parishioners on the activities of the PCC, including sharing the mission, timeline chart, structure diagram, definitions for PPC groups and the date for the October BBQ with parishioners. After discussion with Fr Francis and Deacon Justin it was felt that it would be better to share this after Easter as “Evangelisation” would be appropriate to share following the Resurrection.</p> <p>It was also felt that we may need to clear half, or all, of a notice board at the back of church to share pictures of the PPC and notices about the work we are doing.</p> <p>In the longer term it was felt we need a communication group, or person, to sit alongside the PPC to facilitate the communication with the rest of the Parish.</p> <p>ACTION – Any members of the PPC who know of individuals who may be suitable for the communication group to speak to them about potentially getting involved. An</p>

	<p>advert for involvement in this group to be put in the Parish newsletter should it be necessary. The PPC group picture is on a notice board in the porch and Lizzie to follow up on the process for noticeboard.</p>
5	<p>Maintenance update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The steps and the speed bump in the car park have been painted. • An electrician is coming to work on lighting for the car park. • A gardening rota is in the process of being organised. • Fire notices are being worked on. • Fire alarms are due to be fitted in the Presbytery. • The Asset Survey has been shared with the Maintenance group. • Candle black in the Lady Chapel is an issue. <p>ACTION – A quote for repainting the Lady Chapel is to be sought.</p> <p>ACTION – If anyone has access to large builder’s bags or to bulbs that could be planted in the gardens please let the Maintenance group know. Help is required to put the purple cloth to be put over the crucifix on Fri/Sat.</p>
	<p>Dates of future PPC Meetings at 19:30 hrs: Wednesday 14/4; Monday 17/5; Tuesday 15/6; Weds 14/7; Thurs 16/9 (subject to change): Mon 11/10, Tuesday 16/11, Weds 15/12.</p>
	<p>Closing Prayer</p>