

Action Minutes PPC Meeting 17-05-2021

Present:

Fr Francis Antwi-Darwah	Peter Godwin	Elizabeth Lizzio
	Mark James	Martha Moroney-Lewis
Deacon Paul O Connor	Maureen Kelly	Eammon Rafferty
Deacon Justin Cross	Christine Lambert	
Teresa Clarke	John Lambert	Jackie Tominey

Apologies:

Katherine Ajibade	Emma Smith	
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1	<p>Actions from Minutes of 14 April (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Livestream- <i>we are still looking at what would be required and costs</i>• Comms- <i>we are looking at developing the Facebook page and include the theme of "LaudatoSi", along with other themes.</i>• First issue of "St Barts Together" has been well received by our parishioners
2	<p>Updates on Parish Focus Areas</p>
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirituality- Peter gave an update which included:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We are currently limited by covid limitations. Prayer groups are generally preferred face to face. Novenas have been held.2. Limited in scope for processions3. We could have masses outside and sing but we would still have to social distance under current measures4. Possible with RCIA there could be services outdoors5. Adult spiritual formation being planned for the autumn• Social Justice – new lead is Mark James Mark gave an update which included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A zoom session is planned in a month looking at how we both define Social Justice and interact with the longstanding Justice & Peace group.• The theme of looking after God's Creation (Laudato Si) will be within the Social Justice remit.• Parish Lead for CAFOD, Adelaide Smith, who has been a lead for CAFOD is now mainly based in Bath so has stepped down and Mark has taken over the parish CAFOD lead. I have requested that we revive the Parish library. We should have copies of papal encyclicals and Divine Renovation• We are looking at a long postponed Fairtrade lunch in October to link with Cafod week• The Social Justice group are looking into having a speaker in June 2021

<p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Justice group would welcome additional members but they do have the existing Justice and Peace group whose members are: Justin, Peter Godwin, Priscilla O'Reilly, Adelheid Smith, Maurice Lyon, Anne- Marie and Chris Bannister, Mark James and Jenny Owen. The Justice and Peace have not held zoom meetings during Covid. • PPC – Numbers and Diversity A question was raised by the Chair of whether there are sufficient members and diversity within the current PPC as which is now 11 (excluding Clergy) as 3 members have stepped down – all for valid reasons. Paul stated that as the activities of 5 focus areas are interwoven so the focus areas can support each other. It was felt overall by PPC members that we should continue as we are for now. Some groups are sparse i.e. Social Justice and Maintenance. No further volunteers have stepped forward to date but this may change following Parish Zoom meetings and next few months. • Upcoming events • Climate Conversations Fri 28 May & Adopt a Plant Sat/Sunday 29- 30 May-21Friday 28/05 we are doing 3 zoom sessions-please join and encourage other parishioners to join too. On Saturday 29 May please bring your plants for adopt a plant. Voluntary contributions will be accepted. Details on both of these events in Newsletter and Website will include videos/discussion/actions/thoughts for the future. • Pentecost Walk between South St Albans parishes with worship– 23 May • Proposed date of Parish BBQ – Saturday 4 September or Sunday 5 September 2021 – continues to be considered. <p>It was agreed that Group leads submit a short update on progress from each group to the Secretary, in advance of the PPC meetings, so all are informed and can raise any questions, rather than providing a full report, at the PPC meeting.</p> <p>Action: Group leads provide a short summary no later than 5 days (including weekend) prior to monthly meeting date with PPC Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Developing our Parish Mission – to deepen our understanding and discuss ideas on how to take forward</p> <p>Feedback on “Divine Renovation” – Chapters 1-2:</p> <p>Paul leads-</p> <p>Each year each parishioner should engage in additional spiritual formality</p> <p>Each year each parishioner should engage in practical Parish community activity</p> <p>Purpose of the shared reading by the PPC group is to provoke discussion. Thoughts shared on what was helpful and/or meaningful to PPC members included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The author has a clear vision of leadership. 2. The chapters “chimed” in the overview of the condition of the Church. 3. Idea of discipleship and evangelism was central to his thinking. 4. It would be helpful to focus on what is it that causes people to convert ie: evangelise. 5. Chart on page 40-showing the stages over time of getting ourselves in order and then moving through to Apostleship. 6. Chapter 1 description of a disciple as a process of growth. 7. Chapter 2 gives the 4 key reasons for leaving the Catholic Church

8. When this book was written no-one would have conceived of the Covid pandemic and the impact it was to have on our practising of our Faith. The need to evangelise from within before you evangelise without. The zoom novenas would not have been thought of before the pandemic.
9. Quote on evangelisation: 'one beggar telling another beggar where to find food.' Pope Francis speaking of the joy in evangelisation. Joy, humility and passion.
10. We need to do something positive to get people back to mass and the parish back to normality in its worship.
11. Christians are becoming a minority in this country. In the last 50 years there has been enormous change and how do we react to this. We have a wonderful message to sell. Our social justice message is a huge message we can all do our bit to get across.
12. Page 165-People First: 'The greatest joy in the world is to know, to experience, being used by the Lord to make a difference in someone's life or in the world. Everyone wins. The one who serves wins, and there is even a win for the Kingdom of God.'
13. How you go beyond showing kindness and care to others to convey the message that you are driven and inspired by your faith whether that message is given in words or by sharing experience in other ways.
14. Second Vatican Council's source documents are a wonder and real joy of how they explain our faith-such a rich treasury of our Faith.
15. The Church exists for the great mission-go, make, baptise and teach. "Go" is important as how can you "make if you do not "go"? It is our responsibility to support those we know in the Parish who are going through problems. Is the Church sacramentalised but not evangelised? We must allow the Holy Spirit to touch us through prayer and to inspire us.

Action: Chapters 3 and 4 to be read prior for shared discussion at meeting on Tuesday 15 June at 19:30.

Parish Zoom Meeting on Evangelisation and Mission Proposal

A briefing paper was prior shared to the meeting (Appendix 1).

Action: Volunteers from the PPC are needed to lead some of the breakout groups. Also "scribes" to capture points and facilitators would be welcomed. To confirm to Chair if you can help asap.

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Update on Maintenance

John-

1. Fire notices are now displayed around the Church
2. In near future to identify and brief fire wardens
3. We are looking for tree surgeons-Eamon is leading on this
4. Mark is leading on gardening organisation which is going well

Eamon-

1. Carbon monoxide checks in Presbytery are now completed and confirmed all is fine
2. Installation of wifi in Church-BT should now be installing 1 June 2021 using overhead wires
3. Blocked gutters after all this recent rain and falling leaves from trees have become an issue. Current drainage manholes are no longer sufficient for Council requirements. Drainage trenches will need to be put in place. Following checks Eamon cannot find any preservation order for the trees.

Action: Any recommendations of tree surgeons to be shared with Eamon who will also ask Council for a list of the ones they use.

5	<p>Any Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for the July meeting to be held F2F on Saturday 17 July from 10.30 hrs (coffee available from 10.00 hrs) followed by lunch to have more time for discussion, also to get to know each other and build team spirit was agreed. • Action: Jackie offered to co-ordinate lunch for this meeting. • Volunteers required for Parish representatives for Building Community, Youth, Maintenance Groups, any others of the 5 Focus Areas? General consensus was to continue with current membership of our priority focus groups for now as they build up strength and identity and deliver approved actions of the Clergy. Agreed to revisit in a few months for extending membership. Action: Review at October 21 Meeting • Any suggestions on how to get Volunteers welcomed eg names to approach personally. Action: To be explored when groups' membership is reviewed at October 21 Meeting. • Pentecost Pilgrimage this Sunday-This is on target to proceed. Current plan is to start at St Stephens and end at St Julians but this may be revised-those attending will be promptly notified. Action: Those planning to join to e mail Mark James asap to let him know so he can contact promptly on final details.
6	Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 June at 19:30 hours

2021 PPC Meeting Dates: Tuesday 15/6, Sat 17/7 10:15 am, Tues 14/9, Mon 11/10, Tuesday 16/11, Weds 15/12.