

Action Minutes-PPC Meeting 15-06-2021 (Final)

Present:

Fr Francis Antwi-Darwah	Peter Godwin	Elizabeth Lizzio, Vice-Chair
	Mark James	Martha Moroney-Lewis
Deacon Paul O Connor	Maureen Kelly, Secretary	Eammon Rafferty
	Christine Lambert, Chair	Emma Smith
Teresa Clarke	John Lambert	Jackie Tominey
Collette Joyce Diocesan Justice and Peace Co-Ordinator	Natalie Carolan Communications	Katherine Ajibade

Apologies

Deacon Justin Cross		
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1	<p>Actions from Minutes of 17 May (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestream – we continue to work on details of what would be needed and costs • In the next step of taking forward our communication pathways we are now looking at developing the Facebook page, possibly to include the theme of Climate change/Laudato Si • Jo Walker is reviewing the newsletter with Fr Francis • Feedback on the Novena to Holy Spirit is that the shared experience was well received by those participating • Feedback from the Climate Conversation, Adopt a Plant and the Pentecost walk is that all were well received
2	<p>Updates on Parish Focus Areas (10 mins)</p> <p>Social Justice : Collette Joyce delivers a briefing on Justice and Peace. Laudate Si slides, link to diocesan Justice and Peace + more attached.</p> <p>Building Community: Update prior shared with all prior to meeting Maureen updates on Welcome Pack and Parish Survey. The Building Community group will be considering comments of tonight at its meeting next week. These comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing of survey-July or Autumn • If combining launch weekend of booklet and survey and meetings after mass to consider how covid limitations impact on timing <p>Ecumenism: Update shared with all prior to meeting</p> <p>Social Justice: Update attached (shared on 15/6 so not read in advance)</p> <p>Spirituality: Shared prior to meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Novena for Pentecost was well received. • We are still prepared to start an online new prayer group should interest be detected. Evidence so far is that these work best if done in person. • Peter to discuss with Deacon Justin how to assist with Spiritual formation activity. <p>Youth: Update prior shared with all prior to meeting</p>
<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Developing our Parish Mission – to deepen our understanding and discuss ideas on how to take forward</p> <p>Parish Zooms 1&2 - developing our Mission Together: Common themes arising from these meetings so far are being circulated. Summary of those PPC members' thoughts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Deficit” of people and funds • Attended mainly by the Parish stalwarts but also few “newer faces” – quality of ideas if not a quantity of parishioners and lively discussions • Parishioners attending all approved the identified actions for Youth and Building Community-the positive message is spreading of things happening again at St Barts. • We have an excellent foundation - a core of committed people, talents and existing groups which we need to broaden for our future <p>Proposal for a F2F Parish meeting re Mission on 11July 11:45-13:00 hours: The purpose of the meeting would be to repeat the content covered at the two Parish zooms to reach those who were unable to make the earlier sessions so all hear the same messages. Also to have chance to extend the discussion to include 1-2 of our focus areas eg Social Justice to help us understand and get consensus on what this could look like in St Barts going forward.</p> <p>This proposal was agreed.</p> <p>Divine Renovation – Chapters 3 & 4 Shared reflections of the group on concepts, ideas and key phrases included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The core of the Church is Christ and we are evangelising around Christ • Chapter 3 seemed deliberately provocative – to shake up readers out of complacency eg the Clericalism view where parish is complicit with parishioners in treating them as “infants”. The individual parishioners need to grow. • These chapters developed thinking on a way to bring back those from the fringes into the main body of the church • In the past our community/ community faith was built on a practical response to practical needs - schools, hospitals, care for the poor - the Zeitgeist/spirit of the times was one of indifference to this suffering so the Catholic Church - and others- had an open door to souls. We still now have the same problems as a result of austerity, welfare reform and the effect of the pandemic however, the modern need is now more about identity/place in the world/meaning of life/and the dearth of a spiritual life/expression of the value of our lives and how we live them - how can we, the Church/we parishioners of St Bart's respond in a fresh way? • "People believe themselves to be justified by their own actions, niceness but don't know the audacity of God's mercy" - it's not just people, it could also apply to the church. How can we implement the audacity of God's mercy in our parish? How can we remove barriers to full participation in our community? How

	<p>can we bring in those on the fringes or who don't tick every box for us? We must be careful not to exclude unwittingly but welcome with a non-judgemental, warm embrace.</p> <p>Action: To read and reflect on Chapter 5 up to page 110 for the July meeting (i.e. first 3 proposals/actions)</p>
4	<p>Design/plan for PPC meeting on Sat 17 July at 10.15 hrs–1.30 (inc lunch) main focus* :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree next steps in developing our Mission including a clear vision for the next 6- 12 months including calendar of events* 2. An update from Focus area groups on any adjustments based on parishioners' inputs; progress on links to existing groups and joint planning for rest of 2021 re calendar from each focus area 3. Planning for Parish BBQ Sunday 5 September 12.00 pm* 4. To reflect on feedback after 6 months of the PPC including how are we doing so far and where can we improve 5. Ideas for content of issue 2 St Barts Together (1 Sept) 6. Getting to know each other better over shared lunch * <p>This is an important session. 2 PPC colleagues only have advised they are unable to attend (Martha and Lizzie) due to pre-planned activities</p>
5	<p>Update on Maintenance: Eamon updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to John Lambert for taking on lead of this Team. • Eamon has been trying to press forward with BT which is our only option for a provider. Much perseverance and patience needed but one date given is 17 June for BT to take forward. • A decision must be made about the trees at the front. One option is for the one tree closest to the church should be removed in total. Mark has quoted @c £2000 for this. The second who has done work at St Stephens £1300 to fell tree but leave trunk which could be made into a wood carving. The two beech trees reduced by 50% would cost £1500. There is no legal protection on these trees. <p>Action: Mark will share fuller information, including expert opinion from Diocesan surveyor, with all PPC for views to be given to Fr Francis.</p>
6	<p>Any Other business All thanked Kat for her input, wished her the very best with her sabbatical break to Senegal and encouraged her to keep in contact.</p>
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting – SAT 17 July at 10.15 hrs- (tea and coffee available from 10:00)</p>

Future 2021 PPC Meeting Dates: Sat 17.07 10.15am, Tues 14/9, Mon 11/10, Tuesday 16/11, Weds 15/12 all at 19:30 hours