

Action Minutes of PPC Meeting 17-07-2021

Present:

Fr Francis Antwi-Darwah	Maureen Kelly	Theresa Clarke
Christine Lambert	John Lambert	Jackie Tominey
Eamon Rafferty	Mark James	Peter Godwin

Apologies:

Deacon Justin Cross	Elizabeth Lizzio	
Deacon Paul O'Connor	Martha Moroney-Lewis	

1.	<p>Priority Group Updates</p> <p><u>Spirituality Group ideas and suggested focus</u></p> <p>Discussion led by Peter with thoughts added from PPC including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A journey of opening up our heart. This is very personal• As a community we can support, learn and share• Prayer groups and novenas are good, but you only reach a few of the Parish• Not so many read Catholic newspapers any more• In January-February 22 a one day Parish retreat• 22 June to participate in the St Albans pilgrimage• Justin is looking to organise an adult formation course but needs support and has approached Jackie Harrison to see if she would help, including developing the content.• St Patrick's Feast-a mass followed by some celebration. Bring a national dish.Fr Francis-with St Patrick we are limited liturgically in that we cannot celebrate unless we are a St Patrick's Parish (or it is on a Saturday)• Bible quiz (with prior notice of area of bible)• Harvest-last weekend to give produce brought to the Church• Fr Francis-retreats are normally 4 -5 days. A single day could work as a day of recollection• Fr Francis-possible pilgrimage to Walsingham• Promote existing sources of developing faith including many online eg Jesuits " Pray as you Go" site for daily inspired prayer; free online "Bible Timeline" course• Weekly reading of a Catholic newspaper. Suggested that those who subscribe to the Tablet or a newspaper can share their back copies of the "Tablet" for others to take away• Articles in St Bart's Together
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- Books donated into a small parish lending library (space for this is an issue – could be in hall porch with the other books?)

Social Justice Group

As a result of changes in groups over the last few months this PPC group is now reduced to Mark & Peter on PPC. Mark shared some ideas of related actions by our linked Parish Groups eg. Justice and Peace. This has been focused on Pax Christi and Refugees and Food poverty related topics (eg Family Fast Day, Fair Trade Lunch). The question arose as to whether these two groups should merge and have one overall group with the broader remit to overcome the lack of members.

Areas of focus for Social Justice, which is broader than Justice and Peace, could include the following:

- Food – foodbanks/Mary’s Meals
- Pastoral Care
- Refugees
- Looking after God’s earth/Laudato Si
- Supporting an international charity (or increase CAFOD focus)

Other inputs included that there is a need to educate the parish on catholic Social teachings and encyclicals.

Action: All to reflect and share thoughts about key points for messaging and focus under Social Justice. To exchange thoughts by e mail prior to next meeting.

2.

Upcoming Summer Events

Welcome Booklet Launch-Weekend 24+25 July:

Booklet finalisation by Maureen/Christine/Natalie/Lizzie/Chris including issue to printers, uploading to Parish website and PDF copy to Michelle to use for Parishioners requesting online copy

Invitation to refreshments after each mass to be led by:

- 18:00 Maureen/Lizzie/Christine/Martha/Ben
- 08:30 Christine and John
- 10.30 Christine/Mark/Peter/John

Action: Contribution to the light refreshments and attendance of all of Committee after masses attended for launch in the hall is requested to meet parishioners

August Cake Bake:

Thoughts from the brainstorming discussion included:

- To take place after Sunday 10.30 mass
- Targeting week 2 or 3 in August

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cakes to eat with a drink and to buy (dependent on numbers of cakes provided) • Repeated messaging in the newsletter, Parish website and facebook page to be given prior to the weekend • Speaking with Maureen A/Anne/Peggy for their expert input into preparation needed • Fr Francis suggested amonthly cake raffle-£50 given to bake a special cake which is raffled -50p or £1.00 a ticket and any monies raised above cost of cake will go to the parish <p>Action: Maureen K to speak with our Parish Group leads: Maureen A/Anne McCarthy/Peggy Groves</p>
3.	<p>Weekend of 4-5 September 2021</p> <p>In the months since Pentecost we have been building up to the full launch of our Parish Mission over this weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) At all masses the homily will focus on Evangelisation and what being a Missionary Disciple means. The Sunday 10:30 mass to be followed by the Parish Groups Fayre and BBQ in Church grounds ii) BBQ Planning Initial brainstorming thoughts included- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation • Cooking and serving • Clearing up after • Need more than PPC members to deliver • Board in Church porch to sign up for barbecue • Check with Phil Ahern and Tony Piccuito • Fr Francis suggested Christine contact Craig and Louise Brown who are experienced in organising food events and led Xmas lunch • Jackie volunteers to purchase foods needed • John volunteers to arrange drinks • Teresa will organise servers • All to help in clearing up • Speak to Tony Picittio if he could supply some background music • Initial thinking-maximum of 100 • Christine will lead co-ordination (with Lizzie -tbc) • Christine will speak with Phil Ahern for indication of pricing • Will request voluntary contributions from attendees so it is inclusive and also fair for those who cannot fit into the limit of 100 (plus PPC) <p>Action: All PPC members to identify 2 additional parishioners each to help at this Parish event. Co-ordinating leads welcome any offer of help from other members of the Committee either prior or during the event. All members attending at the BBQ to assist in tidy up afterwards.</p>

	<p>“Showcasing” Parish Groups – 5 September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVP, CWL, CLC, (Christian Life Community - Judy Makin) Knights of St Columba, HCPT, Ecumenism, Newman Society(Anthony Baker) Maintenance. • As there will be limited space, we will use 1-2 tables only in hall or outside for existing and PPC priority groups with Welcome Booklet giving introductory information on groups. Maureen to invite one page of information from both CLC and Newman Society (including lead contacts) also to be displayed on tables <p>Action: Maureen to contact Judy Makin and Anthony Baker for information on CLC and Newman Society to be included at the Fayre and sheet to be issued with online Welcome Booklet too.</p>
4.	<p>Communications/Logo /Sign off of key materials</p> <p>Parish Mission – all Mass homilies on 4-5 September 2021 will focus on Evangelisation</p> <p>Parish Survey -Purpose: to ensure all parishioners have had an opportunity to shape the focus going forward. Two draft versions have recently been circulated to all. Recommendation of Building Community Group who are leading on the survey, is for the simpler version, to encourage focus to be on the responses being added by the parishioner. Survey form to be available in hard copy from the Church and issued online to all with e mail on parish database</p> <p>Action: All members to exchange thoughts on the 2 draft surveys by e mail and clergy then to decide which version to go with and any amendments needed to that version. Propose to issue survey in September and before we finalise the calendar/agenda for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Welcome Booklet – sign off agreed</p> <p>Ecumenical leaflet – our Ecumenism Group is targeting to be issued in September.</p> <p>Logo –ideas shared as to a possible St Bart’s Logo. Using the original logo,with amendments (as per Fr Francis) was agreed.</p> <p>Action: Teresa to make amendments and share for final approval by Fr Francis and PPC</p> <p>One World Fairtrade Lunch- proposed to take place in October 31.</p>
5.	<p>Annual Calendar of PPC Actions Linking to the Liturgical Year</p> <p>Christine led a review of the Calendar of proposed actions over the next 12 months which included- (See table attached by month)</p>

	<p>1. On 11 August Young Christian Climate Network-Relay pilgrimage towards Glasgow reaches St Albans. Would welcome any support for refreshments at Abbey. Agreed mention in newsletter. Could have a banner outside the Church. Agreed Teresa to confirm that we will support. John volunteers to help co-ordinate in St Barts involvement</p> <p>2. August Cake Bake week 2 or 3 after 10.30 mass</p> <p>3. September-Parish Barbecue and Fayre of our groups</p> <p>4. Parish Survey-September</p> <p>4. Ecumenism leaflet issued-September</p> <p>5. October-One World Fairtrade Lunch-21/10</p> <p>6. Lent groups</p> <p>2. December-Christingle</p> <p>3. December-HCPT Carol Singing</p> <p>4. December-After 16:00 Christmas Eve Mass-mulled wine and mince pies</p> <p>5. December-Possible Outreach Christmas lunch</p> <p>6. December-Parish Christmas lunch</p> <p>7. January-Christian Unity Week</p> <p>8. February-St Valentine – homily on love, with prayer card or psalm</p> <p>7. March – July 2021 - Prayer garden starts and first Parish Family Mass</p> <p>8. 2022-Marian and Pentecost processions</p> <p>9. August or September-novena to St Bartholomew</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting, Deacon Justin adds further thoughts for St Bart’s 2022 Diamond Jubilee Celebration including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close to 29/05 being 40th anniversary of Pope St John Paul’s celebration of mass at Wembley 2. Confirmations same weekend with invites for Bishop 3. Early invitation to the Cardinal’s and Bishop Paul’s office is important <p>ACTION – all to review the table for balance and feasibility and then signed off in the autumn</p>
6.	<p>Maintenance Update</p> <p>Quotes coming in for trees to be pruned, a big cutting exercise to reduce hedges and an ongoing maintenance contract.</p>

	<p>Eamon delivers briefing on changes to apply for St Bart's following Diocesan consideration of government easing of COVID restrictions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One way system will stay. 2. Pews' restriction stickers to be removed from some of the pews 3. Holy communion will continue to be in the pews 4. Bishop's would encourage wearing of masks but not compulsory 5. From Advent another stage of opening up subject to virus and attendance at Sunday mass returns to be obligatory 6. Sign of peace will not be restored at this stage although acknowledgement is permitted 7. Covid cleaning will continue after Mass 8. Cleaning party of pews before the change in Advent-around mid October 9. Congregational singing is permitted from Monday. This will return at St Bart's the weekend of 04 and 05 September '21
	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 14/09 at 19:30 hours by zoom</p>

Forthcoming meetings: Tues 14/9, Mon 11/10, Tuesday 16/11, Weds 15/12.