



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear Friends,

It's been a tough year for everyone, but since the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) formed we've been busy with numerous initiatives to help keep our community safe, connected and engaged. As you've seen, we've been streaming our Mass since Easter, hosting numerous online courses and talks, as well as making Sacred Heart as safe as possible when you visit.

We've heard many of your comments directly, via our online survey and social media channels, so we would love to share with you our current focus and plans for 2021 as well as reveal some of the early activities we hope to be running.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year,

Fr. Paul Leonard and Joan Kent.

OUR MISSION

Our mission as your PPC is "bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church". We continue to serve Sacred Heart Church and its people by acting as your voice to bring about positive change within the parish and growing our Catholic Community.

SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT'S BEEN KEEPING US BUSY IN 2020

Welcome Leaflet and Notice Board - We designed and printed a special Leaflet that's given to new people attending the church to make them feel welcome and learn what we're about. We also streamlined our notice boards so people could clearly see what was going on and how to get involved.

Online Streaming - In response to COVID, we started streaming Online Mass & Children's Liturgy on our website and Facebook page. Mass alone brings 150-300 devices a week and opens up our doors to a wider audience.

Year of the Word - A number of activities have been rolling out throughout the year including Blessing of the Bibles, online Bible quotes, Bible courses, talks from the Carmelites and more that have energised our relationship with Holy Scripture.

Re-opening Church - Following the gradual reopening of Church, we safely opened for Private Prayer and later for Public Mass with stewards, one-way systems and processes created and communicated via our website, social media and newsletters. We also extended the opportunity to attend with a Wednesday Mass and Rosary.

Opening the Book - We are running this at designated schools but hoping to roll out at Sacred Heart.

PPC TEAM



Fr. Paul Leonard (Priest)



Joan Kent (Chair)



Joseph Sharp (Vice Chair)



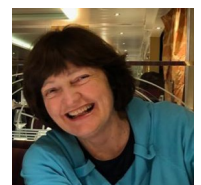
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ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Online Courses and Talks - Originally planned as face to face sessions, we managed to take many of our activities online. Some of our highlights were :-

- ⇒ Unlocking the Bible (2 courses, 9 sessions each, **30+ attendees**)
- ⇒ About Being Catholic (3 sessions, **9 attendees**)
- ⇒ Ananias (6 sessions, **8 attendees**)
- ⇒ Praying Through the Storm (**50+ attendees**)
- ⇒ Strength to Strength (**30+ attendees**)

Sacred Heart Online - Hopefully you're following us online and have noticed that we've expanded our website and blog. Our blog now features articles from our community including Saints, poetry, events, testimonies, photos, videos and more. We have the ability to make donations online, download Children's Liturgy material, re-watch Mass, view upcoming events and more.

- ⇒ **28k+ Visits (164% increase)** to our website with over **69k pages viewed year to date.**
- ⇒ Launched **Instagram** and grew to **85 followers.**
- ⇒ **Facebook** grew to **372 likes** and **502 followers.**

Advertising - We have been supporting key church events, fundraisers and initiatives with the creation and circulation of both online advertising and posters to support initiatives such as Caritas, CAFOD, the refugee programme, Melfort Glen and more. We also expanded our presence in the Hook Focus. Do you have an initiative you'd like advertised?

Parish Survey - We created an online survey that allowed our community to provide feedback on our parish, its direction and priorities for 2021. 42 people completed the survey but it's never to late to be involved if you weren't able to complete it...

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR 2021 ?

More details can be found on how we created the strategy for 2021 on our [parish council web page](#) and [survey results page](#), but here are some of our key focuses for 2021.

- ⇒ Community Outreach Programme
- ⇒ Social Committee to plan events such as fetes
- ⇒ Youth Mass, Youth Choir & Updated Hymn books
- ⇒ Online courses such as Café Courses, Alpha and Called and Gifted
- ⇒ World Day of Prayer with Sacred Heart to host
- ⇒ Open the book & other events for children
- ⇒ The Installation of an enhanced church camera
- ⇒ Social Justice Programme - to support justice for all of God's people
- ⇒ Union of Catholic Mothers
- ⇒ Bringing the Caritas Insight Programme to Sacred Heart and the Hook community
- ⇒ Working with other churches i.e. Life Church and Churches Together on initiatives and courses that would benefit from closer collaboration
- ⇒ The creation of a Welcome Handbook and Team

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ?

If you'd like to learn more about the activities of the PPC or would like to get involved, please visit our PPC Page here - <https://www.sacredhearthook.org/parish-council>

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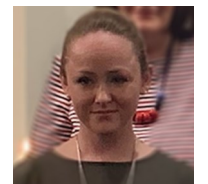
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CONTACT US

Need help? Have some ideas? Want to volunteer and get involved with Parish activities? Please do reach out to us at ppc@sacredhearthook.org

PPC WEBPAGE

Do keep an eye on our parish council web page for the latest news and events from the PPC <https://www.sacredhearthook.org/parish-council>

SURVEY RESULTS

We have published our full survey results here <https://www.sacredhearthook.org/survey-results>