

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 30 January 2020 Minutes

Attendees: Maggie Woods (MW); Mike Coleman (MC); Helena Ranson (RC); Jan Hughes (JH); Joan Kent (JK); Dan Kent (DK); Mike Hoyle (MH); Andrea Waldram (AW); Joseph Sharp (JS); Penny Withey (PW); Laura Yarnold LY)

Apologies: Claire Burroughs (CB); Fr Paul Leonard (Fr P)

	ITEMS OF DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNERS
1	OPENING PRAYER		
	The meeting was opened with a prayer.		
2	BUILDING ON A LONG TERM PLAN		
	<p>As a PPC group we continued with our brainstorms and discussions on the areas of focus for the PPC in our 5 year plan. The last 2 topics to cover were on evangelising and care and service.</p> <p>EVANGELISING/TEACHING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Year of the word</u> – bible blessing, webpage, podcasts, bible study groups, unlocking the mystery of the bible course. 	<p>We went through the PPT capturing our last brainstorm activities</p> <p>Everyone in agreement with having a special mass with the Carmelites of Boars Hill – date set for 19 June, in this Mass we will also provide the opportunity to have Bibles blessed</p> <p>Everyone in agreement to invite Monsignor Matija to come and do a special mass and an evening where parishioners can have a question and answers forum. Monsignor to provide 6 topics for us to consider AND JK will circle back</p> <p>Unlocking of the bible course – JK to form group to facilitate the course and obtain course materials from the diocese and any additional books will be paid for by the Parish. Looking to do the course for Sept / Oct</p> <p>Some of the other ideas discussed where; Inviting the Dominican Sisters to come and help everyone grown in knowledge and love of the Bible – November.</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>JK</p> <p>JK</p> <p>JK</p> <p>JK</p> <p>JK</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocese readers Workshop - The training consists in two workshops of three hours each, which offer Liturgical, Biblical and practical formation for all readers and aspiring readers. On completion of the two workshops, the participants are awarded a diocesan Recognition. 	<p>Readers Workshop could be held at Hook – JH/MW to reach out to the Sisters to see if the course can also be held at Sacred heart and if not to get a group together to sign up for the Reading one at English Martyrs Parish, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading, Berks RG30 2EB Workshop 1: 2nd May, 10 am to 1 pm (arrival from 9.30 am) Workshop 2: 9th May, 10 am to 1 pm (arrival from 9.30 am) .</p>	<p>JH & MW</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible in One Year is a free Bible reading app with commentary by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. Nicky Gumbel is the Vicar of HTB in London and pioneer of Alpha. People can download it here: https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/ 	<p>An app has been produced titled 'Bible in one year', JH to advertise the app in the newsletter and FR Paul to promote it in notices at the end of Mass.</p>	<p>JH & Fr P</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ananias Programme 	<p>Everyone wants to support the Ananias programme and JK to reach out to Clare Simpson to see if she would agree to lead this workshop again</p>	<p>JK</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FORMATION – investing money! • Forming and equipping people to learn more about the treasure of their faith. 	<p>Fr Paul has already established some adult formation classes (About being Catholic)</p>	<p>Fr Paul</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Mission 	<p>JS mentioned about previous parish missions that occurred in previous years – he will work with JH and go through old files and get more info to inform the PPC so we can decide if this is something we want to resurrect.</p>	<p>JS and JH</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More testimonies from parishioners 	<p>Continue to build on these</p>	<p>All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scripture Tour - Winchester Cathedral – 26 / 27 Sept 2020 <p>CARE AND SERVICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVP • Care for the family – bereavement, marriage, parenting • More help for the elderly • Need to just talk to someone • New mothers support – talk to a group of them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Catenian – fellowship for men • Care retirees Fellowship • Helping people to and from Mass • Visits to Care Homes <p>The Catenians have asked if they may come and talk to our Parish one weekend. JH to contact and arrange a weekend after Easter.</p>	<p>There is interest on attending this event. JH to look into hiring coaches or trains depending on number of interest</p> <p>DK to advertise on webpage and JH on newsletter to get sign up so we can gauge interest</p> <p>It was agreed that our outreach should include the wider community and we should look to form groups to assist people in the community such as young or new parents, care group for the elderly.</p> <p>JK – will invite Ken who provides parent talk courses to attend a PPC meeting to explain the work he has been doing and what he can offer our parish.</p> <p>Since our meeting Shanti and Anne are working on forming a Union of Catholic Mothers group. More details to follow.</p> <p>MH would like to lead this subgroup in looking to the outreach of our church, care groups and social activities to involve the community and make use of what is already there</p> <p>MH would like to promote the works of the Catenians and also will look into similar groups for women in the Parish</p>	<p>JH & DK</p> <p>JK</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
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	MC would like to volunteer to lead the subgroup to look at teens and younger generation and bringing them to the faith.	MC suggested asking the convent if they would be willing to allow the teenagers of the parish to have a vegetable garden in their grounds with an aim to furnish the convent with fruit and veg as well as sell some to the parishioners at church, forming trust and groundwork to learn about the church.	MC
3.	1st March Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse within the Church	<p>It was suggested that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bidding prayers to be offered up for all those effected by abuse not just sexual abuse. 2) Prayer intentions will also follow the same format – offered to all those effected by abuse or have been victims of abuse 3) Encourage reconciliation and maybe extend the time for it for that weekend 4) Dedicate the Rosary that weekend for the victims of abuse 5) Speak about safeguarding after Mass that weekend 	ALL JH
4	BISHOPS REQUEST – Holy Hour		
	Bishop Philip has requested that we provide more opportunities for the parish to host a holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.	<p>It was proposed that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Saturday evening for ½ hour (5:00 pm – 5:30 pm) once a month, date to be confirmed.</p> <p>It was also proposed that we open up the current adoration mass which occurs 1st Friday of the month</p>	ALL

5	Questionnaire to the parish	It was agreed JK to provide draft questionnaire and PPC to provide questions they would like to have in the parish survey which we will go through in the next PPC meeting	JK
6.	5 year plan and list of priorities	JK to compile and provide the 5 year plan based on the last few meetings discussions. The PPC will then go through the list and prioritise what they would like to tackle first and then volunteer to steer any groups	JK
7	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
	The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 th March 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.	All	