

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Ann Barton (chair), Deacon Des Bill, Will Daunt, Terry Graham, Susan O'Halloran, Claire Reed, Fr Godric Timney.

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

1. **Opening Prayer:** Terry.
2. **Apologies:** Elaine Corrin, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Irene Slack.
3. **Safeguarding Update**

Terry paid tribute to Jenny Baxter who has recently died. Jenny was very well thought of both in the parish and the archdiocese. With a light and expert touch, Jenny had enabled safeguarding to be fully accepted within the parish. In due course consideration will be given to the role of safeguarding officers.

4. **Reviewing actions from last meeting**

4.1 Thank you cards to resigned PPC members

Letters have been received from Anne Corrin, Jacqui Sellek and Fr Boniface and thanks sent.

4.2 Food Bank and SVP

It was reported that the Ormskirk Food Bank does not need any specific support at this point. It is a very efficiently run operation. Sue will arrange for a thank you in the Bulletin for all contributions made to the Food Bank.

Deacon Peter will continue as the link between the SVP and PPC.

4.3 From Stewards to Welcomers

Training has started but numbers are currently low. A further call for volunteers will be made, especially for family groups to take part.

4.4 Regular PPC news section in bulletin

A link to the agenda and minutes of the PPC will be added to the bulletin.

4.5 Children and the Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Christmas Eve	4 pm	
	6 pm	Children's Mass
	9 pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10 am	

The Children's Liturgy team will focus on the 6 pm Mass. It is hoped that adults who are not family and friends of the children will attend the 4 pm Mass to avoid the 6 pm Mass being overcrowded.

Fr Godric will consider an activity for any children attending the 4 pm Mass and will also speak to the musicians.

4.6 Streaming of Christmas Masses

So far it has been agreed that the Midnight Mass and Christmas Day 10 am Mass will be streamed.

4.7 Add agenda item on refreshing the work of the PPC

Done. See next section.

5. Continuing “Refreshing the Work of the PPC”

Caring for Parishioners & Wider Community

The possibility of setting up regular, weekly “**drop-in**” sessions for tea/coffee in the Parish Centre was discussed. To be taken forward in the New Year.

The re-start of **coffee after Sunday 10:30 am Mass** is to be advertised.

The outcomes from Synod 2020 have been published in the **Pastoral Plan**. Information is available online and leaflets available at the back of church.

Members are encouraged to attend the archdiocesan open meetings and to familiarise themselves with the content of the Plan, as it will have an impact on the life of the parish now and in the future and on the work of the PPC.

Parish Projects

After a discussion it was decided that a **parish project** should be planned for Lent 2022. The Justice and Peace Group may be asked to lead such a project.

Some trees have been delivered for the **tree planting project**. Invitations to help when this is needed could go to St Bede’s pupils and Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates. Sue to lead on these contacts.

Youth

The Ecumenical Vigils arranged by St Bede’s School held in church during **the COP26 Climate Change Conference** were well received. It was agreed that a letter is sent from the PPC to the Headteacher to express our thanks.

6. AOB

6.1 Churches Together

It was agreed that the parish should continue to send a representative. Contact to be made with them and then consideration given to finding a volunteer.

6.2 Advent Events

Ideas so far are listed in Appendix 1 below and will be in the Bulletin.

6.3 New Year’s Day and Epiphany Masses

1 January 2022	12 noon	
	5 pm	Vigil Mass
5 January 2022:	7 pm	Vigil Mass
6 January 2022	9:30 am	

6.4 Secret Garden

It has decided that it will be covered with black membrane to suppress the weeds. The parish and schools will be invited to plan its use.

7. Next meeting

7.1 Monday 10 January 2022 in the Parish Centre.

7.2 Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

8. Closing prayer: Deacon Des.

ACTION POINTS – 25 November 2021

1	Thanks to parishioners contributing to the Food Bank to be put into the bulletin	Sue
2	A further call for volunteers as welcomers.	Claire and team
3	Consider setting up regular, weekly “drop-in” sessions for tea/coffee in the Parish Centre.	Ann, Terry, Fr Godric
4	Reminder of coffee after 10:30 am Sunday Mass to be advertised	Fr Godric
5	Contact St Bede’s and St Anne’s Schools and DofE team concerning tree planting.	Sue
6	Thank you letter to be sent to St Bede’s for the Cop26 Vigils	Ann
7	Churches Together: contact to be refreshed.	Ann

Appendix 1: Advent 2021

Sun 28th Nov. CAFOD Advent Prayer Cards (5 prayers on one card for the 4 Sundays of Advent & Christmas Day)

Sun 28th Nov & each week following. Item in Bulletin relating to Cop26 pledges (taken from St Bede's pupils' ideas)

Wed 1st Dec. Advent Talk – Fr Godric

Wed 8th Dec. Advent Talk - Deacon Peter

Tue 14th Dec. Service of Reconciliation

Fri 17th Dec to 23rd Dec. O Antiphon cards