

**MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre**

Present:

Ann Barton (chair), Deacon Des Bill, Will Daunt, Caroline Grieco, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Pat O'Connor, Susan O'Halloran, Claire Reed, Irene Slack

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

1. **Opening Prayer:** Irene.
2. **Apologies:** Elaine Corrin, Fr Godric, Terry Graham, Paul Spencer,
3. **Safeguarding Update**

Nothing new to report.

4. **Reviewing actions from last meeting**

**4.1 Advent Programme**

At the clergy meeting an Advent programme was produced. Appendix 1.

**4.2 Cost of Living information links**

Links to online advice have been published in the bulletin and there is a notice at the back of the church about the “warm space” at St Gregory’s.

Enquiries to be made to see if a page could be added to the web site for matters relating to “cost of living crisis”

**4.3 Food Banks**

Contributions to the local Food Bank and to the centre for Refugees to be jointly collected under the title “food for those in need”. Further information on the food bank, referrals and vouchers is being gathered.

**4.4 Pre-loved school uniforms**

St Annes School is very well organised for handling pre-loved school uniforms as is St Bede’s. Other ways of supporting the schools to be looked at.

**4.5 Raising awareness of the work of the SVP**

Terry had spoken to Eileen about the SVP and Peter confirmed that a short talk on their work was being considered. This could be at the weekend Masses in advance of the SVP collection on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**4.6 Scouts and FairShare**

Information is shared on a WhatsApp group about what food is available – generally distributed on several Sundays, 4.15 to 4.35 approx. Information on how to join the WhatsApp group to be published.

5. **Cost of living crisis & The Future of our Parish**

A discussion took place on how the parish may address the cost of living crisis, particularly in relation to food needs. It was concluded that:

- the best approach would be to support existing initiatives in this parish, in neighbouring parishes and in other churches across Ormskirk.

- The parish should offer to help coordinate activities and offer volunteers.

Feedback was given on a few of the points raised by parishioners on the Future of the Parish, points that had been discussed at the recent clergy meeting:

- whether the chosen Preface and Eucharistic prayer should be announced before each weekend Mass.
- on the frequency of Eucharistic Services, in preparation for the future with fewer priests.

Thought to be given as to feedback to the parish on these points.

**6. AOB**

None.

**7. Next meeting.**

**7.1** Tuesday 6 December 2022 – supplementary meeting to discuss, in particular, sources of financial help available in this crisis and some points from the Future of the Parish. 7pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**7.2** Thursday 12 January 2023, 7pm in the Pastoral Centre (back to main Agenda).

**7.3** Opening and closing prayers of January meeting: Brian to arrange.

**8. Closing prayer:** Deacon Peter.

**ACTION POINTS – 3 November 2022**

1	Add to the Bulletin notices about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Gregory’s “warm space” (Thursdays 1-3.30pm)</li> <li>• “Fair Share” WhatsApp</li> <li>• Café Birchwood</li> <li>• Combined collection of food, as “Food for those in need”</li> </ul>	Sue
2	Investigate how parish can publicise access to food banks, both those where vouchers required and those not requiring them.	Sue, Peter
3	Investigate supermarket systems aimed at supplying food banks, with a view to publicising this information.	Will
4	Check with the schools if a collection in the New Year (eg stationery) would help pupils	Ann
5	Enquire if a new page can be added to the parish web site for on-going information on help with the cost of living crisis.	Ann
6.	Check at the next Ormskirk clergy/church leaders’ breakfast what help is being offered, what might be missing and how we might assist	Fr Godric, Deacon Peter

## **Appendix 1            ADVENT 2022 – Proposed Events**

### **November**

- Sun 27<sup>th</sup>            1st Sunday of Advent. CAFOD Prayer Cards for Advent Sundays  
Event. Sustainability  
Event. Children's Liturgy
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup>            Community Choir

### **December**

- ? TBD            Christingle
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>            Confirmation
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>            Outdoor Crib
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>            Feast Day Mass
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>            O Antiphon Cards for distribution at Masses, for 17<sup>th</sup> Dec onwards
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup>            7 pm. St Bede's School Carol Concert
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup>            6 pm. St Anne's School Carol Concert
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>            7 - 8.15 pm. Fr Godric. A talk on "The Old Testament and the Nativity"
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup>            10.30 am Mass. Blessing of Cribs. Church Parade
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup>            7 pm. Service of Reconciliation
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup>            Mass at 4 pm, 6 pm, 9pm
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup>            Mass at 10 am