

## MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Ann Barton (chair), Elaine Corrin, Will Daunt, Terry Graham, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Pat O'Connor, Susan O'Halloran, Claire Reed, Irene Slack, Paul Spencer, Fr Godric Timney.

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

- 1. Opening Prayer:** Terry.
- 2. Apologies:** Deacon Des Bill, Caroline Grieco,
- 3. Safeguarding Update**  
Nothing new to report.
- 4. Reviewing actions from last meeting**

### 4.1-4.6

These actions were completed as described below.

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></ul>	Sue - Completed, also added info re Ormskirk Library warm space.
2	Investigate how parish can publicise access to food banks, both those where vouchers required and those not requiring them.	Peter – updated the meeting on this. Margaret Wiechers will re submit info for Bulletin
3	Investigate supermarket systems aimed at supplying food banks, with a view to publicising this information.	Will provided info & will compose Bulletin Notice
4	Check with the schools if a collection in the New Year (eg stationery) would help pupils	Ann reported. No action for now – schools said thank you for the contact
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.	Colette has set up extra page under the Bulletin. All info going into the Bulletin will be stored there. Possible use of blue board at back of church for a collection of this info

6.	Check at the next Ormskirk clergy/church leaders' breakfast what help is being offered, what might be missing and how we might assist	Meals continue to be served at Christ Church, Café Vista from Tue to Fri 10.30am to 3.30pm & Sat breakfast 10am to noon (charged) & on a Wednesday by Cottage Lane Mission (CLM) (charged). CLM also offer a "warm space" with refreshments on Mon & Thurs 10 – 3.30pm (donation box)
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#### 4.7 Publicising the help available for the cost of living crisis

Notices continue in the bulletin.

The free-standing board is available at the back of the church to display sources of help.

Web links to be added to information provided where possible.

#### 4.8 Publicising financial support

It was agreed that the PPC should explore the possibility of helping people through the complicated process of claiming attendance allowance.

#### 4.9 Future of our parish

This is an agenda item. See below.

### 5. Future of the parish

This was concerned with activities in the near future, in particular during Lent.

**Talks** to be arranged in Lent with the provisional list including:

- Fr Godric on Benedictine Spirituality
- Deacon Peter on the Lectio Divina
- Fr Leo Daley on Art and Faith

**Stations of the Cross** would be arranged for Fridays.

A **parish meeting** would be held after Sunday Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the above and further activities.

Sometime in the future, the **Fullness of Life Quilt** to be loaned to St Bede's School.

A parish **group for ladies** has met

Details to be provide on a possible parish event featuring readings from **Charles Dickens** work.

### 6. Points of awareness for the PPC

#### 6.1 Martyn's Law

Pending legislation will require further risk assessments for parish buildings. No actions require until guidance provided.

## **6.2 Pastoral Development Dept: CST**

Pablo Guidi is the Catholic Social Action Coordinator for the Liverpool Archdiocese. He supports existing social action work in parishes, such as food banks, warm places and justice and peace activities.

He is currently working with PPCs, and other parish groups across the archdiocese to develop a model for supporting them and build their capacity to serve their community. This may include, social action initiatives, but is not limited to them. Pablo would like to support St Anne's in delivering a workshop that will help the PPC take stock of where they are now, and look forward to the future. Further information can be found in Appendix 1.

## **6.3 Progress Towards the Universal Synod (2024)**

Updates anticipated in the near future.

## **7. AOB**

### **7.1 Finance Committee**

Will reported that informal discussions continue on the future of the parish centre.

### **7.2 Churches Together**

The chairman of Ormskirk Churches Together has proposed the setting up of a subcommittee to find ways of encouraging young people into the churches. Terry and Elaine are following up ideas to take to the next CTO meeting.

### **7.3 Edge Hill University Chaplaincy**

Peter reported that a flyer from the parish has been sent to the chaplaincy.

Clergy from all local churches have been asked if they wish to contribute to the chaplaincy work.

A meeting in the chaplaincy will be held 6 February to discuss this.

### **7.5 Outside notice board**

The proposed updating of the outside notice board was agreed.

### **7.6 The PPC**

Ann is to retire as chair and so a replacement to be elected.

PPC members not wishing to stand for election should email Brian as soon as possible to confirm this.

The next meeting will be dedicated to the election of the new chair and the date for the next full PPC meeting.

## **8. Next meeting.**

**8.1** Monday 30 January 2023 –7pm in the **Priory**. Single topic – PPC chair.

**8.2** Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

## **9. Closing prayer: Deacon Peter.**

### **ACTION POINTS – 16 January 2023**

1	Cost of living. Put together financial support info and publicise help available, in the bulletin, at the back of the church and on the parish web site. Make the help available more prominent on the web site.	Sue, Irene, Paul, Pat.
2	Be available to help with Attendance Allowance claim form if required.	Pat, Paul
3	Agree date for Lent talk with Fr Daley. Publicise 29 January parish meeting to discuss activities for Lent and beyond.	Fr Godric
4	Arrange for workshop on Social Action, possibly in Spring	Fr Godric, Ann, Claire
5	Propose ways of updating the parish on progress towards the Universal Synod.	Joan Bill, Ann
6	Feedback on Churches Together youth initiative	Terry, Elaine
7	Attend Edge Hill Chaplaincy meeting to discuss parish contribution	Peter
8	PPC members to email Brian if they do not wish to be considered for election as chair.	PPC Members

## Appendix 1

### Pathways to Social Justice: Working with parishes to better serve their community

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”* Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

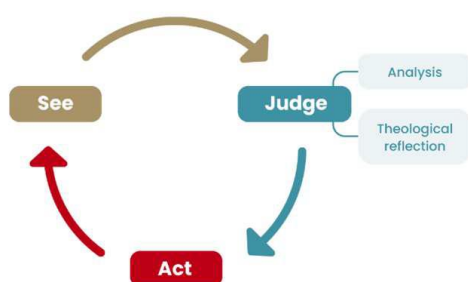
Introduction: Pablo Guidi is the Catholic Social Action Coordinator for the Liverpool Archdiocese. He supports existing social action work in parishes, such as food banks, warm places and justice and peace activities. Pablo previously worked for 15 years with an educational training organisation in Liverpool, using the Training for Transformation approach to community work developed in Uganda and Ireland.

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**What will the workshop for renewal cover?** Pablo would facilitate a 2.5 hour workshop that will allow for:

- review on what has been achieved
- re-cap on what are the key issues facing the parish
- reflection on all this using scripture and prayer
- identifying priorities in light of this going forward

How will the workshop be delivered? The workshop will use discussion and individual reflection, to allow participants to re-connect with one another as colleagues and with the work of the PCC. It will be based on the following pastoral cycle of reflection:



When will it be delivered? Pablo is in discussion with the chair of the PPC, but it is suggested that the activity will take place of during a PPC meeting in April/May 2023.