

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Deacon Des Bill, Elaine Corrin, Will Daunt, Terry Graham, Caroline Grieco, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Aidan McFall, Susan O'Halloran, Irene Slack (Chair), Paul Spencer, Fr Godric Timney.

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

1. **Opening Prayer:** Will.

2. **Apologies:** Claire Reed.

3. **Membership and Chair (Standing Item)**

Irene took the chair and welcomed new member, Aidan McFall, to his first meeting.

It was confirmed that we have volunteers in place for all planned PPC meetings this year apart from November's.

The following draft schedule of meetings and rota of chairs has been agreed:

Provisional Date of meeting	Chair
22 Jan 2024	Paul
18 Mar 2024	Irene
20 May 2024	Susan
15 July 2024	Claire
16 Sep 2024 (prep for APM)	Will
18 Nov 2024	

4. **Safeguarding Update**

Terry reported that the parish is now under the aegis of the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS) and no longer the Archdiocese. Since the Archdiocese will not pass on to RLSS confidential DBS information, rechecking of parish volunteers has to take place.

Terry is arranging rechecking with help from Margaret Daunt.

5. Reviewing actions from last meeting

5.1 Updates to PPC membership records

Terms of office have been extended by one year on the PPC membership spreadsheet.

Mobile numbers have also been added.

5.2 PPC WhatsApp Group

A PPC WhatsApp group has been created. It was agreed that meeting agendas and minutes would be posted there as well as sent via email.

5.3 PPC Membership as a standing item

This will continue to be implemented.

5.4 Benches for Labyrinth Walk

This is ongoing..

5.5 Plans for Lenten Events

These can be found below in Appendix 1.

5.6 Lenten Talk

Lenten talk to the parish was given by theologian and scripture scholar David McLoughlin. It was a very successful event.

5.7 Multi-cultural event

So far no-one has responded to calls in the bulletin for volunteers to organise this event. Fr Godric will make an appeal for a volunteer at Sunday Mass. If there is no response then we shall try again next year.

5.8 “Family of parishes”

St Anne’s has been linked with St Elizabeth’s. Meetings are being arranged between representatives of the two parishes with a view to setting up joint initiatives.

5.9 Emergency evacuation of the church

The Archdiocese has agreed that only the clergy: priests and deacons would need training since at least one of them would be present at every service.

6. Liturgy Committee

Fr Godric is aiming to set up a liturgy committee. It will consist of the clergy, members of the music group and anyone in the PPC interested in joining.

7. Holy Week Plans

The following schedule was agreed.

Palm Sunday	Procession at 10:30 am Mass
Monday	
Tuesday	7 pm. Penitential Service with General Absolution if no other priest available to assist with individual confessions.
Wednesday	Cathedral Mass
Maundy Thursday	7 pm Mass
Good Friday	3 pm Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	8 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	10:30 am Mass

These will be advertised in the bulletin and on the notice board.

8. 2025 Holy Year and local pilgrimages

A discussion took place on potential destinations for local pilgrimages.

It was agreed that Fr Godric would discuss potential local pilgrimages with Mary Ormsby.

9. AOB

9.1 Live Simply Days

It was agreed that continuous activity was preferable to specific days. The Food Bank seems the most likely ongoing activity to support.

9.2 Fossil Fuels

It was agreed that Sue would draft letters to the Archbishop and to the Abbot expressing the PPC's concern about church investment in fossil fuels.

The drafts would be circulated to PPC members.

9.3 General election hustings

It was agreed that the parish would join with other local churches in arranging hustings for local candidates at the forthcoming general election.

10. Next meeting

10.1 Monday 20th May 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre lounge.

10.2 Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

11. Closing prayer: Deacon Des

ACTION POINTS – 18 March 2024

1	Terry to arrange DBS rechecking for parish volunteers.	Terry
2	Benches for the Labyrinth Walk	Fr Godric and Irene
3	Recruit an organiser for a summer multicultural event	Fr Godric
4	Meeting with representatives of St Elizabeth's to discuss potential joint initiatives as a "family of parishes".	Terry and Deacon Peter
5	Liturgy Committee progress	Fr Godric
6	Discussion with Mary Ormsby on local pilgrimages	Fr Godric
7	Draft letters to the Archbishop and the Abbot expressing the PPC's concern at church investments in fossil fuels to be created and circulated to PPC members for approval.	Sue
8	Arrange general election hustings in collaboration with other local churches	Fr Godric

Appendix 1

Lent Actions at St Anne's 2024

- CAFOD Lent Fast Day 23rd February – short talk read by Paul Spencer and John Hunt at Masses and envelopes stapled to bulletins the week before
- Stations of the Cross every Friday – led by Fr Godric, Prayer Group, UCM, J&P and Deacon Des.
- World day of Prayer at Christ Church 1st March
- Men's Lenten Prayer Group
- David McLoughlin Talk on the Last Week of Lent on 11th March - over 50 people attended
- St Bede's students doing CAFOD Big Lent Walk 23rd March
- Prayer basket in bulletin and on notice board
- Cross from tea lights as focus for prayer in bulletin and on notice board
- Fasting linked to donations to Food Bank