

SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th July 2023 in the Parish Lounge

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| <p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Present were: Ruth Naylor (Chair), Rachel Purvis (minutes), Jude Mariadoss, Christopher Woodward (for the Finance Committee), Sr Dorothy Perrott, Maria Christopher, Teresa Engley, Max Toone, Deacon Julian Burling, Siobhan Heffron</p> <p>Apologies were received from Primavera Moretti, David Hurst, Eleanor Bowman & Fr Joe.</p> <p>Minutes of 6 June meeting were discussed and agreed. They will be uploaded to the website shortly.</p> | <p>ACTION</p> <p>Ruth</p> |
| <p>2. Young Adult community at 9 Edge Hill</p> <p>Max was welcomed to the PPC as he has kindly agreed to join.</p> <p>Max spoke about the Young Adult community at 9 Edge Hill, which he is part of. It is a community of 15 young Catholics. They are aiming to build the community of young adults (18-35) in the parish through events and a Whatsapp group. All events are self-funded.</p> <p>They would like to introduce themselves at mass and advertise the group on the church website. Sr Dorothy suggested advertising the group with a leaflet/flyer available at church and to advertise on social media. Max confirmed he is happy to be the contact or the group could be set up with a parish email address.</p> <p>ACTION – Ruth to discuss with Max and others at 9 Edge Hill how to advertise the WhatsApp group in current church literature.</p> | <p>Ruth and Max</p> |
| <p>3. PPC Mission and reflections</p> <p>Ruth introduced the agenda point as an opportunity to reflect on our mission as a PPC agreed at the beginning of 2023 and what we have heard so far from the parish group leaders who have joined us.</p> <p>Our mission -</p> <p>Learn more and support the work of our current parish groups. Encourage and support evangelisation across all parish activities. Identify the needs of our community for new groups or activities.</p> | |

Ruth opened the floor for thoughts and comments.

Parish Groups

General thoughts were that we have lots of groups running in the parish and it was positive to hear from them at the PPC meetings. It was commented on that the groups we had heard from so far are incredibly well run. It was felt this was especially owing to good leadership, committed volunteers and regularity.

There has been good feedback from group leaders who have joined PPC meetings, commenting that it helped them feel acknowledged and supported.

We discussed the possibility of inviting other group members to attend future PPC meetings to talk about their work and help build up a rapport with PPC. Making ourselves more known as a PPC and building dialogue was also seen as important.

Social events

We discussed possibilities to build community. Jude suggested that we have another event like we did last year when we had stalls that advertised different groups in the parish. This was held on the feast of Sacred Heart.

Canon John had a vision of an 'Epiphany Party' to say thank you to all the volunteers. The importance of continuing and finding new social engagements for the parish was emphasised.

Welcoming

We discussed the importance of welcoming new parishioners. Suggestions included encouraging more people to volunteer as welcomers at mass to support Sr Dorothy. PPC members could take an active role in this. Sr Dorothy also explained that there are some Duke of Edinburgh award students who have been helping out as welcomers at masses.

We discussed welcome events for new parishioners, suggesting extending a personal invitation to existing social occasions, such as the social club after the 8pm Mass or continental breakfast, expected to restart in September.

There will be a welcoming event for our new parish priest to be confirmed once he starts on 1 September.

ACTION – Ruth to type up what was discussed and make some suggestions of next steps for the next meeting, taking into account the thoughts of the new parish priest.

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| <p>4. Update on parish appeal</p> <p>Donations have increased since his appeal at masses. There has been less cash donated into the baskets at mass. Chris can do a report on the contactless payments. These are often used for weddings/baptisms etc. Chris will be able to look at finances again in September.</p> | <p>Chris</p> |
| <p>AOB</p> <p>Ruth received feedback from the google form regarding confession times before masses. This will need further discussion when the new parish priest arrives as this has been raised before.</p> <p>ACTION – Ruth to respond to feedback.</p> <p>A comment was received about the length of the 10am Mass making it challenging for families.</p> <p>A question was also received on whether there could be a kneeler offered for those to receive communion kneeling.</p> <p>Both to be borne in mind for further discussion.</p> <p>Next PPC meeting 7th September 8pm</p> | <p>RUTH</p> <p>PRIMI (add to agenda)</p> |