

## **SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 in the LOUNGE at 8pm**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendees :**

Cannon David Gibbons, Jude Mariadoss, Sr Dorothy Perrott, Teresa Engley, Maria Christopher, Deacon Julian Burling, David Hurst (chair), Rob Hitchcock (Faith Minister), Graham Kennedy. Nina Beltran, Jose Garibaldi, William Morris, Max Toone, Fr Jackson Sebastian, Max Toone, Annette Campbell-Black, Nina Beltran , Jose Garibaldi & Rachel Purvis (minute taker)

Apologies received from: Christopher Woodward (Finance Committee) , James Bush and Tania Bastille (Sacred Heart Primary school)

#### **1. Welcome, opening prayer and apologies**

Teresa opened the meeting in prayer.

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair. They will be uploaded to the website shortly.

Canon David confirmed that we're getting two portable handheld card readers which can be used at Continental Breakfast, Reception etc. as discussed last month.

#### **3. 'Be Well Hub'**

Graham Kennedy and Father Jackson, attended the training and is now a 'mental health champion' the key role compassion & empathy. The training focuses on how to talk to people about mental health. Further in person training is available for any parishioners interested on 16<sup>th</sup> May at the YMCA in Wimbledon. There will also be 2 morning sessions online run by South London and Maudsley Trust. (Anyone interested to contact Graham or Father Jackson for more information) Graham explained that some 'listening exercises' have commenced in the parish. The main themes identified are 1-Support for parents of children experiencing mental health issues. 2-Older people with mental health challenges. 3-People suffering mental health worries due to unemployment.

**Action plan:** Graham, Father Jackson and Canon David to arrange a meeting and discuss further. David Hurst to add an article to Edgeways.

#### **4. Updates from Canon David and Rob**

- a) An Architect has started preliminary inspections of the church and a more extensive survey will be completed. Once we know extent / cost of works needed we will know what fundraising will be needed.
- b) Solar panels instalment beginning, this will help with long term energy savings. Halls and Presbytery locks will be changed to a card entry system. The church now has 2 portable card readers which will be helpful for the 'Sacred Heart' feast day celebrations
- c) Dementia group – a new leader, Madeleine Jarrett, has been appointed
- d) Halls committee – Maria, Thelma and George will be meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm at Sacred Heart to discuss. ? Jesus Velasco will chair it.
- e) Youth groups –Rob and Jude explained that the group is growing, it was suggested that this could be advertised at the parish schools. The group is still in early stages. Rob will start to invite the current confirmation group. Jude and Jeba (Jude's wife) are helping with this, more volunteers welcome.

- f) Some Definite Service – We still need to find a replacement Parish Lead for Formation.
- g) 'Called to Bear Fruit' -Feedback from these meetings have been submitted and SHC was one of the leading parishes to have responded to this.

## 5. PPC matters

- a) Canon David would like to see the PPC focus more on pastoral care, evangelisation and catechesis, still need leaders for this.
- b) Mini retreat – now rebooked for 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Kairos Centre, Roehampton from 08.30am.
- c) PPC Chair role and Secretary roles to be discussed at the next meeting as this will be David Hurst's last meeting.
- d) Several new members have now joined the PPC.

## 6. Parish Community initiatives (David Hurst)

- a) Merton Citizens issues -update given by David Hurst.
- b) South London Citizens leaders meeting 2.6.25 venue to be confirmed.

## 7. Parish Social Life

- a) Social committee – new volunteers welcome and anyone interested ? who can they contact?
- b) From the New Parishioner's welcome tea Chris Barker asked would there be any interested in producing a visitors' guide to the church. Julian and David will contact him to discuss as there is interest in updating the old booklets that the parish has. It would be good to have a simple information leaflet available at the back of the church for visitors to have when newcomers visiting. Julian explained that part of the work involved in the fundraising initiative would be to update the existing one. **Action: David & Julian to contact Chris.**
- c) 10<sup>th</sup> May volunteers party
- d) Sacred Heart Feast Sunday 29th June. Canon David confirmed Ruth and Thelma who will be organizing this. The Papal Nuncio will be attending the 12pm mass.
- e) 400 people attended SHC for the uniformed groups event.

## 8. AOB

- a) Paul Davis and Graham are working on designing a 'Wheel of Opportunity' to depict the 48 parish groups running to help increase awareness about these. Sacred Heart primary school children may also be able to help design this??
- b) William and Max explained that the Young Adults group are having a 'Poets & Prophecy' get together on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and will have an 'Open Mic' sessions this will be at 7pm at 9 Edge Hill.
- c) Jubilee Garden- possible project to apply for funding JP De Quay **Action to discuss at next PPC**

## 9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 5th May in the Lounge – to be chaired by David Hurst, this will be David's last meeting.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thank-you party for volunteers: Saturday 10th May

PPC Meeting: Thursday 5th June

Sacred Heart Feast: Sunday 29th June

PPC Meeting: Thursday 3rd July

PPC Meeting: Thursday 4th September

PPC Retreat: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

PPC Meeting: Thursday 2nd October

PPC Meeting: Thursday 6th November

PPC Meeting: Thursday 4th December