

PPC meeting 3/7/25

Apologies: Julian, Graham, Max , Annette & Jose.

Attendees: Chair- William, Canon David, Nina , Rob, Teresa , Sr Dorothy, Maria , Chris Woodward, James , Jude, Father Jackson, Rachel.

The PPC welcomed new member: Henry

Minutes agreed and to be uploaded to website.

1-Updates from Canon David. He explained that there will be a Jubilee Pilgrimage to SH Church on the 13th September this will include participants from Merton Deanery churches as Sacred Heart is a Jubilee Church. Fr Peter Gallagher, SJ will preach at the Mass. People are invited to bring a packed lunch. The hall will be available and we will provide drinks.

2-The Well-Being Hub. Father Jackson and Graham attended a follow up 'Be Well Hub' meeting. Graham has sent information about the meeting and he will update the PPC at the next PPC meeting in September.

3-Christopher Woodward explained that Canon David will be appealing next weekend for financial support from parishioners for Sacred Heart church as we currently have a 30k + deficit. The parish will be asked to respond to the planned giving appeal. A possible way of doing this is for people to increase their regular donations and encourage people to add 'gift aid' to their donations as currently only about 50% of payments are gift aided. Members of the finance committee will be available at masses at the church to help with information. In addition The Halls Committee hall rental helps raise money for the church however the bookings have recently reduced.

4-Maria gave feedback from the Halls Committee. On 14th July the finance committee will meet to discuss finances for renovation costs. The committee has looked at starting with the upper hall. They will look at getting several quotes.

5-Some definite service- currently no update. Rob may be able to reach out to the deanery as the sacramental formation courses will finish this weekend. The parish plan will be reviewed as this is a live working document. A Parish Plan has been submitted to the AEC (Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis)

6-PPC function. Canon David would like the PPC to focus on pastoral care, evangelization, catechesis, and formation. The plan is for PPC members to look at this at the mini retreat in September. The PPC should have an advisory role and supportive role with the parish priest and this can include support with ideas about evangelisation. We can discern this role and the way forwards at the retreat and look at having workshops. This may also be helped by carrying out a survey which William and Henry are looking at doing. Father Jackson said parents need to be included into formation.

7-PPC roles to be discussed at the mini retreat (new date to be agreed at September PPC meeting)

8-New parishioners event planned for the 14th September. To be discussed at PPC meeting on the 4th September. Notification/invitation for the new parishioners event to go out by email as a personal invitation and notification in the September newsletter.

9-Sacred Heart school -the school have not yet received any feedback from the PPC regarding the the 'banner and a QR code' It was suggested that possibly Matteo editor of the news letter and Graham could help advise and support school with this.

10- The new Headteacher of Sacred Heart school, Sarah Norville, will be consulted about school representation on the PPC.

11-Feedback from the Sacred Heart Feast day. Email of thanks has been sent out from Canon David to Ruth Naylor and a letter of thanks will be added into the newsletter. A suggestion was made about buying a marquee for this and future events it will need to be stored somewhere safe. For future celebrations it would be good if we encourage younger volunteers to help setting up the marquee and other areas.

AOB: William explained that through Citizens UK, the chaplain from Wimbledon College & several people and students from the college were fortunate to meet with Pope Leo at St Peter's Square.

Father Jackson's last attendance at the PPC meetings this evening as he will be leaving SHC at the end of August. There will be a leaving party for him on Saturday 12th July 7.30pm after 6.30pm mass.

Teresa has had a query from a parishioner who reported difficulties hearing the mass. It was confirmed that a new audio system will be included in the major works planned.

Next PPC meeting September 4th September in the Lounge