



Catholic Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon

Parish Pastoral Council – APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting held on Monday 13th November

Item	Action	Lead
1. Opening prayer – Fr Reg		
2. In attendance and apologies: Anthony Palmer (chair), Fr Reg, Fr Antoine (<i>part</i>), Vincent Mclaughlin, Peter Kehoe, Paul Stathers, Tom Osman (secretary), Austin Davis There were no apologies		
3. Minutes of the last meeting matters arising: <i>a. Parish renewal</i> Vincent and Anthony are organising an Alpha course to start in January. The parish is invited to an information evening about the course on Monday 27 th November 6-8pm VMcL gave an overview of what Alpha is all about. Fr Reg suggested and PPC agreed that VMc and AP would speak about the course and the information evening after the Gospel in Sunday's Mass. <i>b. Baptist Church invitation</i> AP reported he had received no objections to advertising this to the whole parish <i>c. Acknowledging parishioner deaths - outcome of consultation with Friars</i> There was further discussion about Neil Quin's suggestions for acknowledging the death of a parishioner. The PPC agreed it would be good to spread the news in the several ways suggested, and to pray for the deceased during Mass at the weekend i.e. in the Universal Prayer, and during the after Mass announcements. The PPC decided against including announcements in mid-week Masses: the congregation tends to be small, unchanging and attends weekend Masses. Photo of deceased	Make the Mass announcement this weekend (18/19 Nov.) Display posters and publish details in the newsletter Ensure the Parish Office is informed of the death Reminder sent to the Universal Prayer writer for that week Include mention in after Mass announcements While Neil Quinn is indisposed Paul Stathers will assume responsibility for organising a photo of the deceased to be displayed on the font.	VMcL/AP Tom Friars Tom/Peter Tom Paul

<p><i>d. Deaneries - feedback from 7th October Diocesan meeting</i></p> <p>VMcL gave feedback on the Diocesan Day. Key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Church is a family 2) How do we become more welcoming and actively inviting so that parishioners, especially new ones, feel a deep sense of belonging to our parish? 3) There are lessons from the early Church that we might revisit. NB praying for the intervention and guidance of the Holy Spirit <p>He reminded the PPC of the New Deanery meeting to be held on Saturday 2nd Dec (10am – 12noon). What the deanery will achieve has yet to be determined however it could become the means of sharing resources and collaborating over new pastoral and liturgical initiatives.</p>	<p>All to attend if at all possible.</p> <p>Share news of the Alpha plans with other parishes, if appropriate</p> <p>Share lifts to the meeting</p>	<p>All</p> <p>VMcL/AP</p> <p>All</p>
<p>4. What it means to be a PPC - email from PDK refers</p> <p>The PPC discussed Peter’s ideas for the PPC and getting closer to the Pope’s vision of an ideal PPC</p> <p>The key themes emerging were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It would be good to get to know each other better within the PPC 2) The PPC is too small to be fully diverse and inclusive 3) We could include more prayer and reflection during the meetings. 4) PPC members should proclaim their Faith through word AND deed 5) The PPC needs to find ways better to understand the pastoral needs of the parish and the means better to support parishioners in need 6) The talks given by David Wells at the diocesan day were highly commended. Video recordings of David are available on the diocesan web-site <p>Agreed to hold a retreat to explore these challenges and formulate a response</p>	<p>Organise the retreat for 2024</p>	<p>PDK</p>
<p>5. A sense of 'Samud' - email and article from Peter Kehoe refers</p> <p>Peter led a discussion on the article in the light of the current hostilities in Gaza</p> <p>Following on from this VMcL described the initiative to hold a Prayer for Peace every 2nd Saturday of the Month between 1030 and 1200, starting on 9th December.</p>	<p>Organisation</p> <p>Entry in newsletter</p>	<p>VMcL</p> <p>Tom</p>

<p>6. CTIC report</p> <p>A CTIC meeting was scheduled for the coming Wednesday</p> <p>The PPC agreed that the parish should run the Warm Spaces initiative again this year but someone was needed to organise and run it.</p>	<p>Seek volunteers to run the weekly Warm Space in Greyfriars.</p>	<p>Tom</p>
<p>7. Liturgy Group Report</p> <p>a) First Holy Communion children have been invited to the Mass for Christ the King</p> <p>b) The Carol Service will take place on 17th December 2023 from 4pm. Paul Stathers is organising</p> <p>c) Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - as well as recommissioning the existing ministers, the parish is commissioning 6 new ministers</p>	<p>Ensure the children and their parents feel welcome at the Mass</p> <p>Refer any queries or offers of help to Paul Stathers</p> <p>For info</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8. AOB</p> <p>The PPC discussed the report on the Live Streaming service from Steve Eliot and expressed their disappointment that the anticipated broadband connection did not happen.</p>		
<p>9. Dates for future meetings</p> <p>a. PPC – Mondays @ 1900:</p> <p>2024 - 8th January; 11th March; 13th May; 8th July</p> <p>b. Parish Annual Meeting</p> <p>Sunday 21st April 2024 – after Mass</p>		
<p>Closing Prayer</p>		<p>Fr Reg</p>