

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Zoom Meeting

September 20th 2021 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Item Number	Item Title	Time Allocated	Running Time	Lead
1	Opening Prayer	2 minutes	2 minutes	PP
	Fr Lee opened the meeting with a prayer			
	Election of PPC Officers: Chair and Vice Chair	5 minutes	7 minutes	Vice-Chair New Chair
	New Chair BH / Vice Chair GS			
2	Apologies and Absences	1 minute	8 minutes	Chair
	Apologies were received from Deacon Des and Eileen Quinn			
3	Minutes of Meeting of 12.04.21	3 minutes	11 minutes	Chair
	The Minutes of the meeting of 12.04.21 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. The minutes will be signed by the Chair outside of the Zoom meeting in the near future but may still be published as usual.			
4	Matters arising from minutes of 12.04.21	4 minutes	15 minutes	Chair
	None			
5	Correspondence	2 minutes	17 minutes	Vice
	Email communication between Steve Webb and PP Email communication reply from PP to Steve Web Discussed under Item 7			
6	Constitution	5 minutes	22 minutes	Chair
	Agree revisions and changes to Parish Pastoral Council Constitution Sept 2018. Review at next meeting.			
7	Deanery Vision Plan/Shaping our Future	10 minutes	32 minutes	KM/PP
	<p>BH Confirmed that Deanery Vision for Parish Partnerships had been on hold since Covid crisis</p> <p>FL Discussion of email correspondence from Steven Webb (Director of Development) FL provided a detailed response in conjunction with input from the Finance Committee and PPC.</p> <p>FL fed back to group his messages provided to the Deanery Conference that highlighted St Theresa's is in a phase of growth. No update on Parish partnership plans and there appears to be a reluctance to implement them.</p> <p>All – Clarification of certain attendance figures provided in the email reply</p> <p>FL – St Theresa's is now the second biggest parish in the North Essex deanery behind Braintree and has performed well in relation to the other parishes where congregations have dropped by up to 50%. St Theresa's prospered through Covid through a younger and more proactive clergy team. Deanery faces challenges of an ageing clergy.</p> <p>General air of low morale / confidence among Deanery parish priests who are Covid weary and have concerns around the 'managing of change' process.</p>			

	<p>FL Highlighted the importance of the October count to demonstrate that parish congregation is greater than Sept 19. General plea to encourage lapsed attendees to return to weekly services.</p> <p>All: General discussion if there was any way to influence Parish Partnership Plans. No action.</p>			
8	Update: Post Covid-19 Recovery Plan Update	5 minutes	37 minutes	PP and Deacon
	<p>FL: Challenges to secure volunteers to support church cleaning. Requirement to re-open parish centre to First Holy Communion classes / other parish groups Requirement to pay for deep clean before deep clean. Cleaning needs to more structured and thorough in the future to be Covid compliant. No agreement how this would be managed medium term.</p>			
9	Parish Vision Document	10 minutes	47 minutes	PP and Deacon
	<p>FL: Live Streaming installation complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New statue of patron St Theresa in place - Plans for day retreats / day Pilgrimages on hold 			
10	Catholic Social Teaching	15 minutes	62 minutes	Deacon
	Des absent: Update next meeting.			
11	Good News Reports/Observations	10 minutes	82 minutes	PPC Members
	<p>Wednesday Club still meeting outside – but hopeful of a return to Parish Centre Hardcore of attendees all looking out for each other</p> <p>First Holy Communion – 17 Children – the highest since 1990 – 32 years ago! Parents / Children 1st meeting on Sunday 26th October Classes to take place at 11.00 after the 10.00 mass. First Communion to take place Sunday May 15 at 16.00 to accommodate large group and their families</p> <p>Visions Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catholic Social Action - Meeting weekly via Zoom - Monthly physical meetings planned – full update attached. 			
12	A.O.B	5 minutes	87 minutes	Chair
	None			
13	Date of next meeting	1 minute	88 minutes	Chair
	17 th January 2022 – Venue TBC			
14	Closing Prayer	2 minutes	90 minutes	Deacon
	Fr Lee closed the meeting with a prayer.			