

**St Boniface Catholic Parish, Southampton**

**Minutes of the PPC Meeting 5th, March 2024**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Fr Tom Kleinschmidt (Fr T)	Parish Priest	✓		
Fr Godwin Kambai (Fr G)	Asst Priest	✓		
Fr Jufel Baldado (Fr J)	Asst Priest	✓		
Angela Braga (AB)	Chair	✓		
Vic Dagongdong (VD)	Member	✓		
Guadalupe Dagongdong (GD)	“	✓		
Diago George (DG)	“	✓		
Neri May (NM)	“	✓		
Irena Sachrajda (IS)	“	✓		
Henry Eboh (HE)	“	✓		
Obiajulu Ede (OE)	“			✓
Mart Ryan Llorente (MRL)	“		✓	
Mae Felongco (MF)	“	✓		
Fatima Amedu (FA)	“	✓		
Augustine Odukoya (AO)	Secretary	✓		
Trish Spiteri (TS)		✓		
Jane Stephenson (JS)		✓		
Hannah Wood (HW)		✓		

**081:10 Opening prayer** at 7.04pm by Fr. Tom

**082:10 Excuse & Apologies:** Martyn Ryan have his apologies for not being able to attend physically. He later phoned in to participate in the meeting.

**083:10 Minutes:** Corrections made to Neri who did not attend the meeting

**084:00 Matters Arising:**

**084:10 Music Group:** AB reported that the book order has been approved. The hymn book costs approx £10. We agreed that we will solicit for £5 to £10 for individual sponsorship of the hymn books. There will be a general printing of the name of the parish and the name of the donor on a label to go into the books , as may be required.

**084.20 Parish Events:**

**084:30 Santo Nino Feast:** The Santo Nino event that took place in January was reported to be successful. AB thanked Fr. Jufel, Vic, Guada, Martin, and the entire Filipino community of St. Boniface.

**084:40 2024 Easter Programmme:** Fr. Tom read through the activities for the 2024 Easter season as follows:

- Tuesday, March 26 -Chrism Mass with the Bishop at 11.00 am at the Cathedral
- Wednesday March 27 – Tenebrae service, 8 pm
- Maundy Thursday, March 28: Mass of Last Supper at 7.30 pm, and the Church will be opened for adoration and private prayers till 10.00 pm.

- Good Friday, March 29: Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am, Good Friday liturgy at 3.00 pm
- Holy Saturday, March 30: Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 4.00 pm,
- Easter Vigil Mass at 8.00 pm, to include the baptism of children and confirmation of 4 adults.
- Easter Sunday, March 31: Masses at 9 am, 11 am, 5.30 pm

**084:50 Spring Clean of the church:** This is to be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in preparation for Easter.. Volunteers are encouraged to join.

The flowers will be done on Holy Saturday by Jane D

**084:60** VD and DG reported that there is a huge Polish community in Southampton that St. Boniface needs to care of, or harvest. After an extensive discussion, we agreed that the parish should consider the possibility of using St. Boniface Day as a national day event. It was also agreed that as a parish, we should identify the need for us to be a welcoming place to all nationals, especially those that are growing in number around Southampton. We should continue to encourage the new members that we meet to formally register with the parish and to identify which group (s) to support more.

### **085:00 Business of the Day**

#### **085:10 Report from The Pastoral Area - 10 Year Plan**

Fr. Tom reported on the meetings of the different small groups who have with the task of putting together the feedback required by the Diocese to help activate the intended Pastoral Area. The two main committees whose activities were reported were the Finance, and Pastoral committees. He further reported that St. Boniface Parish was commended as the only parish that prepares and keeps a budget. He reported that ultimately, there will be uniformity of events and programs for parishes in the same pastoral area. It was suggested that from time to time updates should be provided to the parishioners at large on the progress of the merger activities. This in the opinion of the Council will create more awareness among parishioners and prepare them for eventual merger. Fr. Tom, promised to take the message back to Fr. Mike who is the Co-ordinator of our pastoral area. He also quoted the phases as follows:

- a. Development Phase - 2022 to 2026
- b. Implementing Phase - 2026 to

**085:20 Visibility of PPC members:** On the visibility of the PPC members to parishioners, this was identified as being necessary. It was agreed that we use the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April, to present the PPC members at the different masses they usually attend to the parishioners. This will go along with a lapel pin to be produced and given to each member to wear every time a member is in church.

**085:30 Financial Report for 2022/2023:** AB informed the PPC that the financial report for 2022/2023 will be officially presented to the church by the Finance Committee on the weekend of March 16 & 17, 2024. She remarked that the report shows the parish is in good financial standing although the Diocesan levy will be higher in 2023/2024 and there is no room for complacency. According to her, the Diocesan levy is based on increasing percentages of income received. She also pointed out that some streams of income in 2022/2023 will not repeat in the coming year.

**085:40 Communication Department:** AB informed the meeting that the parish communications team needs people and in particular someone to head the unit.

**086:00 AOB:**

**086:10** Diago reported.

**086:20 Flores de Mayo Celebration:** DG informed the PPC that the Filipino Flores-de-Mayo celebration for 2024 is to come up on May 4, 2024. The program will follow the pattern of that of last year. He therefore requested the support of the PPC and the entire Parish

**086:30 Birthday Celebration:** It was reported that the earlier agreement of the PPC to always have birthday blessings of the people born in the month celebrated on every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday has not been fully implemented. It was reported that the parishioners welcomed the idea and look forward to its continuation. The priests were reminded always to have this in mind.

**086:40 Marian Devotion:** The PPC agreed to introduce the May and October devotion this year. This will feature the praying of the rosary and other activities in the evenings of each day of the two months.

**087:10 Date of Next Meeting:** The date and time of the next meeting is Friday 12 April 2024 at 7.00 pm

**088:10 Adjournment & Closing:** The meeting closed at 8.52 pm with prayer led by Fr. Tom.

**Angela Braga**  
Chairman

**Augustine Odukoya**  
Secretary