

ST BONIFACE, CATHOLIC PARISH, SOUTHAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY MAY 26, 2023, AT 19:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

031.00 Opening:

The meeting commenced with a prayer led by Fr Tom at 7.00 pm.

032.00 Exhortation

Fr Tom gave an exhortation titled the ‘Pastoral Conversion’. He encouraged that as Christians, we should continue to serve without getting tired but while doing this, we must be attentive to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who gives the grace required for the work.

033. 00 Attendance & Apologies:

Find below the details of the attendees, those who did not attend, and those who gave apologies for not attending.

| Name | Role | Attending | Apologies | Absent |
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| Angela Braga(AB) | Chair | ✓ | | |
| Fr Tom Kleinschmidt (Fr T) | Parish Priest | ✓ | | |
| Fr Godwin Kambai (Fr G) | Asst Priest | ✓ | | |
| Fr Jufel Baldado(Fr J) | Asst Priest | ✓ | | |
| Helen Bignell(HB) | Vice-Chair | | ✓ | |
| Guadalupe Dagongdong(GD) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Vic Dagongdong(VD) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Diago George(DG) | Member | | | ✓ |
| Neri May (NM) | Member | | ✓ | |
| Joanna Rzepecka (JR) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Irena Sachrajda (IS) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Trish Spiteri (TS) | Member | | ✓ | |
| Angela Wood (AW) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Hannah Wood (HW) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Emma D’Arcy (ED) | Member | ✓ | | |
| Augustine Odukoya (AO) | Secretary | ✓ | | |

034.00 Minutes:

The minute of the meeting held in April was read. 024.7 was corrected read that Boniface Dobell was asked to help with the formation of mass servers and that medals were going to be given to those who just made a year in the service on June 4 as a part of the feast day celebration. Afterward, the minute was unanimously adopted.

035:00 Matters Arising:

035.10 Flores de Mayo: Guada reported that the finishing touches to the preparation were on. Guests are expected from Reading, Bournemouth, etc. There will be a procession with the statue of the Holy Mother from the altar through the height of the church to the entrance and side of the church into the hall. Vic added that the traffic will be controlled to avoid rowdiness. He remarked that the planning committee is looking at making the event bigger in 2024. Angela suggested that while thinking of planning a bigger event next year, consideration should be given to the feast of Boniface on June 4, we will just be a few days away. The house then agreed that

Flores de Mayo should be planned for the first weekend in May in that case subsequently, to avoid these two big events being close together.

035.20 Feast of St. Boniface: Fr. Godwin reported on behalf of the committee. All was set for the event. As agreed at the previous meetings, the event will start with Mass, on Saturday, June 3rd evening with a talk on St. Boniface to be followed by the Adoration of Jesus in the blessed sacrament and mass that evening. The climax of the event will be on Sunday at 11.00 am Mass to be followed with bring and share in the parish hall. Parishioners shall be encouraged to appear in their local or national attire.

035.30 National Day: AO reported that Nigerians have chosen to celebrate Nigerian Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 11.00 am Mass after which there will be social gathering eating and drinking. The Mass will feature the Nigerian thanksgiving procession among other things. The Indians and the Filipinos, are also willing to celebrate but have yet to fix the date. As regards the other Nationals, AO was asked to consult with the parish register for possible contacts. In addition, it was agreed that HW should put up a write-up on this to inform people of different nationalities about the opportunity to have their National Days celebrated.

AO was also asked to inform the committee to write out the program of the event for the day and present it to Fr. Tom and AB within the next two weeks. Fr. Godwin was appointed to be the Chief celebrant of the day.

035.40 Churches Together in Shirley: Fr. Godwin, AO, and Chris Amedu represented the parish at a recent meeting on 25 May. . Fr. Godwin reported that 10 churches were in attendance. Interactions revealed some common features and challenges among the churches which included:

- a. Getting members to be committed to serving in the church, and
- b. Getting the youths to be active

A follow-up discussion was on the proposed Green Christmas event, to be organised by St James by the Park parish. The planning meeting for this will be on June 26th at St.James Rd Methodist church. Emma D'Arcy agreed to represent us at that meeting.

035.50 Called and Gifted: Fr. Tom explained this is a spiritual formation program. It is about forming people or helping people to discover their charisms. This will be useful to the entire parish; he has tried to identify the coordinators who are to start work in earnest with the main facilitators. It cost approx 30 pounds to each individual but a lot more will be gained. It is meant for adults. The target should be to have about 60 parishioners signed up for the program. The formation program itself will be between September to November. AO volunteered to be a part of the working group.

036.00 A.O.B.

It was observed that some lectors recently did not show up a few times and yet did not inform anyone. The lectors training being planned by the Diocese will help improve readers' quality and how we go about it.

037.00 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting was agreed for Friday, July 14, at 7.00 pm at MC Hall.

038.00: Adjourned & Closing:

The meeting adjourned at about 8.05 pm with Fr. Tom giving the blessing.

Angela Braga
Chairperson

Augustine Odukoya
Secretary