

**ST BONIFACE, SOUTHAMPTON
MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING
10 March 2023 at 19:00**

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

- 1) Meeting opened with a **prayer** from Fr Tom. He welcomed Fr Luis , Rector Major of the Oblates, who stayed for a few minutes to greet the PPC members.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** All present except Augustine Odukoya
- 3) **Minutes of last meeting** (20/01//2023) were approved as a true record
- 4) **Matters arising**

- Lent events going well. Soup lunches , 20+ people. Retreat, 12/13. Quiz was a great success and will be repeated next year . (Big thanks to Emma, and to Helen and team).

Holy Week: will run as last year, with a few tweaks.

Maundy Thursday: 7.30 pm Mass : silence, after Mass

Good Friday: Stations at 9.30, Children's Stations at 10.30, then join CTIS in Shirley precinct for witness event. Main service 3 pm followed by silence.

Holy Saturday: vigil at 8 pm

Penitential service: Tues 21 March , 7 pm. Extra priests available for Confession.

Tenebrae on Spy Wednesday : should we run this year? Hasn't been done since Fr David S left. Service was well-liked by many parishioners.

ACTION: Fr T will speak to Mich to see if the material to run Tenebrae is readily available. If not, will postpone to next year.

- Diocesan 10 year plan : Report back from Deanery meeting 28 Jan (Fr T, AB, HW).

Reaction to the plan from other parishes is similar to our own. Need to go slowly. Timescale very ambitious, Some advantages in working together . First 'test case' will be to cooperate over Youth provision.

Next meeting: 22 April, 2-4 pm Holy Family. Maybe catechists/ Youth leaders could attend.

Bishop is giving quite a lot of freedom for parishes to make own decisions .

We need to create something for Youth in our parish.

Things start but don't keep running owing to lack of helpers.

Fr G would be willing but needs support.

Re collaboration with other parishes, AW made these points:

- Large numbers could be a problem
 - Car pools may be needed
 - Currently there no unified approach
 - It's important to keep the connection with own parish
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- Closer to Christ campaign. Now at 78% of our goal. Finishing this weekend with one last appeal at all four Masses. Cards and pens , with options, will be given out, and collected in by stewards. Hope to get to the £95k target.

 - Parish registration form. Sarah Studzinski and AB will work on a shorter, more user-friendly form . Do we need all the info we collect? We don't have the software for sorting it .

DG pointed out that Sharepoint would ensure all users had access to updated info. Could parish secretary take this on? Anna from Holy Family parish is willing to come and explain the system to Margareta .

ACTION: Fr T to arrange a meeting between the two.

- Themed days. Decided to make the first of these be the St Boniface weekend, 5/6 June. Use our knowledge about this Saint and what he stands for.

DG to take the lead on a planning sub- committee. Wants to involve Confirmation candidates and create tradition of Youth involvement . But need to remember June is pressured time for this age group(exams, Confirmation etc)

Other members of committee : VD, TS, HB, Fr G

ACTION: this group to meet to do initial planning, and to report back at next PPC meeting on 21 April

Need to consider all aspects: social, spiritual, financial. Needs to be realistic.

Fr T said members of the German parish of St Boniface will be visiting our parish on 16 April, 9am Mass

5.) The 'Called and Gifted' programme

Fr T explained that this is a discernment process which enables people to discover their charisms and gifts. Three stages:

- Teaching Day
- 1 to 1 conversation
- Small groups for discussion, support, trying it out

Gerry Penfold , Programme Leader, had given a detailed presentation to CLT on 3 Feb. (Please see notes from this meeting , attached as Appendix 1.)

Now waiting for start date in the parish to be finalised (2nd or 9th September 2023)

To return to this at next PPC meeting.

6) **Fr Godwin's observations on how we could take the parish forward**

- Start with mission statement. How are the different groups functioning? Build up societies. Ongoing formation.
- Teams need to meet together, to share across generations
- Youth activities are vital. What age is "Youth"? Need outings, pilgrimages, regular opportunities to meet.
- Encourage a spirit of participation, eg Stations of the Cross should have big attendance, not just the few
- Welcoming is v important. Priests could say a few words of welcome at start, and invite non-communicants to come up for a blessing
- Changes need time to bed in. All priests have different styles. We can learn from each other.

7) **AOB**

- There will be an Easter card for the housebound (IS, AW, Fr T)
- Mothers Day 19 March: children to give cards to mums. Fr T to give special blessing for mothers and all women .
- Diocese has ruled that collection money cannot be taken off site to be counted (as it would not be covered by insurance). So we need to find a way of counting it in presbytery, probably on Monday morning as used to be the case.
- GD mentioned the plan of the Filipino choir members to hold a fundraising event on 27 May. Funds could be put towards a projector for the church. This idea needs further discussion, so GD was asked to send brief details of the proposal to AB so the CLT could give it proper consideration .

8. Date of next meeting: Friday 21 April 7 pm

9. Meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr Tom.

APPENDIX 1 'Called and Gifted'

Notes on meeting held on 3rd February, 2023

Present: Gerry Penfold (Leader of Called and Gifted programme), Fr. Tom, Angela (B), Diana, Hannah, Angela (W) and Irena
Apologies: Mike

The meeting opened with a prayer and then Gerry Penfold gave an introduction to the programme

- Called and Gifted is a discernment process to discover our charisms and unique mission.
- There is a link with Divine Renovation
- It will only succeed if parishioners recognise their charisms and gifts
- They will become more confident in their gifts/charisms and will therefore have a clearer understanding of their role in the parish, and what they are being called to do
- The aim is that the language of charisms becomes embedded, once a critical mass (e.g 20%) of parishioners have gone through the process
- Many have dormant/latent gifts that have not been unwrapped
- We all have gifts, sometimes several which we need to recognise and then recognise in others
- We are like jigsaw pieces and need other pieces to all fit together and make a whole. The gaps are the parishioners who have not yet realised how they fit.
- There are 24 different charisms

Gerry then went on to explain the process and its three stages

1. Teaching: to learn about the different charisms: an inventory of 120 questions - the starting point as to where to start looking. Not personal at this stage.
2. Conversation with a trained facilitator/team member: one to one conversation which is very personal and the sharing of one's journey of faith. This is the personal stage. Can involve discovery , or affirmation. Tease out one charism to start with.
3. Small Groups/Experimentation: 5 or 6 people in a group, perhaps with similar charisms, to share how they are getting on. Meet 3 or 4 times.
Rule things in and rule things out.
This discernment, listening to the Holy Spirit, develops a spiritual life skill.
Journeying together develops a bond of trust.

The discussion then moved on as to how to begin the process and whom to involve in the initial stages.

- A small pilot group of Intentional Disciples
- Identify parishioners who are not yet involved in parish life and invite them personally

- Open it to all
- The aim is to have about 50-60 parishioners over the age of 18 (the accepted position is that under 18s do not have enough life experiences to draw on to participate fully in conversation)
- Each parish will need a parish co-ordinator who has good organisational skills
- The cost of the programme per head is £120 but may be lower if done in larger groups £60/£70. Parish will subsidise but participants will need to contribute. This includes 6 months access to on-line teaching videos and quizzes. Check if there is any money left in the "Living Our Faith" pot
- Timing? Process takes 5 months or so. Best to avoid summer holiday period , or just before Christmas.