

St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

17th May 2022

Meeting Chaired by Maggie Lax, opened with brief prayer.

Attendees: Denise Mitchell, Maggie Lax, Stafford Dunn, Dcn Adrian Burnett, Pam Filler, Helen Dunn, Geraldine O'Reilly, Elizabeth Freeman, Margaret Smith, Clare Hedges, Michael Mitchell, Mary Cody, Annet Ziriba, Gene Seabridge, Lilian Hearn, Penny Gregory.

Apologies: Fr Boniface, Shannon Newman, Pauline Sellier.

1) Matters arising:

(i) Chair and Secretary

Stafford Dunn confirmed as Secretary for coming 12 months only, understudied by Mary Cody. Maggie Lax confirmed as Vice Chair.

(ii) Small scale charitable income

It was agreed that the funds raised at the Pancake Day and Parish Feast Day should be allocated to the Local Women's Refuge.

Net funds raised on the sale of refreshments after Mass should be allocated to CAFOD.

Fr Boniface's gift of £186 should be initially used towards the Platinum Jubilee Celebration with any surplus retained for further discussion.

(iii) Housebound Parishioners

Establishing of accurate list of Parishioners who are Housebound, in Homes or Hospital. We need to encourage Parishioners to let us know of anyone that needs to be visited and the importance of keeping a register of the visits made.

(iv) Supporting Young Parishioners

It was agreed that this was an important area and agreed the following:

Children's Liturgy - we need to understand the interest for this initially. Agreed to include it in the newsletter.

Altar Servers - agreed to include the restarting of this aspect of Mass in the newsletter to understand the interest.

2) Synod on Synodality

Update on Diocesan Responses: Denise reminded members of our discussion and submission on the Diocesan phase of the Synod. She reported that the Diocese had completed its consultation. The Diocese has produced a Synthesis of the responses. She had been through the Synthesis and shared copies of the key points. Maggie had a copy of the full version if anyone wanted to read it.

3) Social Activities

- (i) Queen's Jubilee Celebrations Special Tea at 3pm
- (ii) Other summer activities – to be advised

4) Recruitment of Volunteers: Someone to take on:

- (i) Parish Newsletter.
- (ii) Finance Committee member.
- (iii) Second Health and Safety and building Maintenance work member.
- (iv) Children's Liturgy.

5) Parish Finance Update:

Dcn Adrian reported that Parish finances are stable with tenants proving to be stable and reliable.

6) Working with other churches:

- (i) Feedback from Lent Programme, talks and Good Friday Walk of Witness. Although the talks had been very good it was pointed out that since they were held in the day so some people would be unable to attend, so it was suggested they might be re-run in the evening to enable a wider group of people to participate.
- (ii) Queen's Jubilee - Songs of Praise on Sunday, 5th June. Pam reminded people that this would take place at 11am on Sunday, 5th June and be held in the gardens of Rustington Methodist Church. There would also be a number of other events in the village over the 4-day period, including a Flower Festival at St Peter and St Paul's. Details are available on various posters, displayed in the church and in "All About Rustington" Magazine.
- (iii) Denise mentioned that Churches Together in Rustington (CTR) would be carrying out a review of their work in the near future and would be consulting with the different churches.
- (iv) Flower Festival at St Peter & St Paul's
- (v) Review of Role and Purpose of CTR

7) Safeguarding Update:

Claire Hedges, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, was welcomed to the meeting. She said she is gradually getting up to speed with her role, she has finished her training and eager to support the Parish.

8) AOB: No items noted.

9) Date of next meeting: 2nd August 2022, 7pm.