

St Mary's and St Paul's Pastoral Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

10th of January 2024

Present: Fr O'Brien, Rita Clark (Chair), Helen Giusti, Lisa Pearson, Justine Docherty, Agnes O'Donnell (Secretary)

Apologies: Ronnie Boyd

Updates From Previous Meeting

- **Sound System.** Assessment is still planned to determine what improvements, if any can be made.
- **Defibrillator.** Training date(s) to be confirmed.
- **Original Baptismal Font.** Still awaiting a date from Ormsby of Scarisbrick for the font to be collected.

Project Wellspring. Next clergy diocesan meeting is planned for next week. It is hoped an open parish meeting will be held during Lent.

Proposed Parish Mission Statement. Copies to be available at this week's coffee morning to allow the opportunity for further comment.

Coffee Morning. Next coffee morning is being held by the Fairtrade Group on Sunday the 18th of February. This will include the opportunity for those attending the 9 am mass to attend.

Advent Reflection Group. Thank you to Ronnie Boyd for leading the Advent Reflection Group.

Suggestions Made to the PPC

Times of Masses. A request has been made by a parishioner to review the times of masses including the introduction of a Sunday evening mass. Given the enormous change that has taken place in the parish due to the closure of St Paul's church it has been agreed that the times of masses will remain as they are for the foreseeable. This does not mean that mass times will not be reviewed in the future.

In the meantime, for those who are looking for alternative mass times these can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.rcdom.org.uk/list-of-mass-times>

Choir Loft. Parts of carpet in the seating area of the choir loft are in need of repair. Father O'Brien will investigate.

Light on the altar. A request to change the direction of the light on the altar has been made.

Gift Aid. A suggestion was made to promote Gift Aid within the parish. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st of February 2024, 7pm