

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

Minutes of Meeting

20th of May 2026

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

Apologies: Claire Molnar

Updates/Requests/Suggestions

- First Communion Breakfast. Well attended and enjoyed by those who came to the hall.
- Church Acoustics. Advice required before quotations are sought.
- Votive candles. Options for electric candles being explored. Potential update at next meeting.
- Gift Aid. Appeal for new members to join the Gift Aid scheme to be made in the autumn.
- Synod Gathering. To be picked up at the next meeting to allow PPC to read and consider the feedback fully.
- Coffee Morning. The idea of a coffee morning after one of the weekday masses was raised. If there is enough interest it is a possibility for over the winter.
- Parish Afternoon Tea. Planning well under way for the Tea on the Saturday the 30th of May.

Developing the Wellspring Project within St Mary's and St Paul's

- Streaming of Mass. Sancta Familia to attend next PPC meeting if available.
- SVDP. Follow up meeting on the 2nd of June for those interested in joining. The group will then work with SVDP to develop a conference within St Mary's and St Paul's.
- Befriending Group. Full update at next meeting.
- Youth Engagement. Rita got back to group with agreement on ideas suggested to raise money for Mary's Meals.
- Open Doors 5th and 6th of September. Organisers have been contacted and a reply awaited.

Diary Dates

- 30th of May. Afternoon Tea in aid of St Andrew's and Kilbryde Hospices

Parish Council Box

- At the back of the church for comments/suggestions. Alternatively email ppc1846@hotmail.com

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 10th of June 2026

St Mary's and St Paul's Mission Statement

Our parish of St Mary's and St Paul's Hamilton is a community of faith where priest and people seek to work together to build up a life-giving Christian community that is characterised by prayer, hospitality and mission.

In the spirit of Wellspring we seek to be a welcoming, nurturing, inclusive and caring parish that gathers together at the Eucharist to celebrate Christ's presence among us and, with his help and strength, to continue in loving and compassionate service to others, especially those most in need.