

St Mary's and St Paul's Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

7th of May 2025

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

Apologies: Claire Molnar

Updates

- Easter Bunny Breakfast as success. Learning to be taken forward to streamline next breakfast planned for December (Santa's Sausage Sunday)
- Children's Liturgy group organising Coffee morning on Sunday 18th of May for First Communicants and their families with an invitation extended to the wider parish community.
- New toasters purchased for the hall.
- Additional bulletins to be printed to ensure copies are available for later masses.
- Rita has a meeting set up with the Paya Group to explore further the possibility of introducing a card machine as an alternative way of people contributing to the parish.
- Request made to install a permanent holy water font in the side porch. The water font from St Paul's to be installed.
- SVDP. Father O'Brien setting up a meeting to see how the parish can continue to contribute without a group active within the parish.
- Idea of the parish hosting a Volunteer Day to provide an opportunity for parishioners to become more involved in the parish has been put forward. The idea will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

- Faith in Action Group. Possibility of setting up a group being considered.
- Coffee morning on 18th of May will be used as an opportunity to identify potential new altar servers prior to training starting.
- Befriending Group. Anyone interested in being part of the group to contact Justine on 0795139 7616. If there are enough interested people a meeting will be arranged to discuss how best to take the group forward including any training that may be required.
- Possibility of restoring a RCIA team in St Mary's being explored. Advice being sought from Father Delaney in Blantyre.

Jubilee Year 2025

- Fundraiser for Friends of the Holy Land to be discussed at the August meeting with the event being planned for the autumn. Ideas include a Family Day.

Parish Council Box

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

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 18th of June 7pm

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.