

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

Minutes of Meeting

24 6 2026

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

Apologies: Claire Molnar, Helen Giusti

Updates/Requests/Suggestions

- Afternoon Tea. Raised £1,500 for St Andrew and Kilbryde Hospices. Suggestion that it becomes an annual event.
- Church Acoustics. To be looked at over the summer. If upgrade required 3 quotes will be required before work is carried out.
- Readers at the Vigil mass. Over the summer at some masses there may be only 1 reader.
- Streaming of masses. Father to get advice from Sancta Familia next time they are in the parish recording a service.
- Devotional Candles. Costs currently being sought. Potential to be in place for 180th Anniversary celebratory mass.
- Synodal Approach. New Diocesan group being formed to take approach forward. Will await group's guidance to inform implementation at parish level.
- Open Doors Day. Postponed until next year to allow more time to prepare. A date to start planning to be identified at next meeting.
- Parish Newsletter. In the absence of a newsletter over the summer names of the recently deceased to be put on the website as well as the names being read out at mass.

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

- St Vincent de Paul. Conference now established in parish with office bearers and meeting schedule in place.
- Mini Vinnies. St Paul's Primary considering setting up a group.
- Befriending Group. Justine and Ronnie to work together over the summer to align work of the Befriending Group and that of the St Vincent de Paul.
- 180th Anniversary. Ways of celebrating the occasion to be discussed. Potentially around the First Sunday in Advent.

Diary Dates

- 4th of October. Coffee morning to mark Fairtrade Fortnight and Primary 1 welcome mass.
- November (tbc). Parish Stall and Fair Trade joint coffee morning.
- 29th of November (tbc). Parish Anniversary Coffee Morning.
- December (tbc). Santa's Sausage Sunday.

Parish Council Box

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

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 19th of August 2026