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

Minutes of Meeting

21 10 2026

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

Apologies: Claire Molnar, Helen Giusti, Ronnie Boyd,

Updates/Requests/Suggestions

- Church Acoustics. Project for next year with support from Diocese Estates Department.
- Handrail on front steps. Carried forward to next year as part of wider work required to the front of the church building.
- Potential Streaming of masses. Initial contact made with Being Catholic TV. To be taken forward.
- Devotional Candles. Father to discuss options as part of planned Health and Safety visit in November.
- Card payment machine. Sum Up machine to be explored further.
- Signage for toilet. Completed.
- Hymn Books. Several books have been removed to repair broken spines. Additional copies will also be purchased.

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

- SSVP conference. Continues to meet every 2 weeks. Focus on setting up processes, including a contact number, to manage requests for support which can include home visits.
- Befriending Group. Justine to meet with SSVP group to look at ways of the 2 groups working together.
- Youth Engagement. Face to face meeting has taken place with the St Mary's and St Paul's Caritas Group in Holy Cross. Group meeting again to discuss fundraising for Mary's Meals and other ways they can get involved in parish life.
- A Parish Community. What does it mean. Topic of discussion at the recent Pastoral Renewal Forum.
- Coffee Morning after daily mass. If people are willing to organise it, it could initially be once a month to test interest.

Diary Dates

- 31st of October 10.30. Defibrillator Training.
- 1st of November. Parish Stall and Fair Trade joint coffee morning.
- 29th of November 10.30. Parish Anniversary Mass (180 years) celebrated by Bishop Toal. Coffee Morning afterwards.
- 13th of December. Santa's Sausage Sunday.
- 20th of December 6.30pm. Diocese Choir Carol Concert hosted by St Mary's and St Paul's, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.
- 6th and 7th February. Mary's Meals appeal in the Parish.

Parish Council Box

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

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 18th of November 2026,7pm