

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

Minutes of Meeting

4th of February 2026

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

Apologies: Helen Giusti

Updates/Requests/Suggestions

- Lighting at the bottom of the car park stairs. To be discussed with the electrician restoring the spotlights on the church.
- Card Payment Machine. Father to contact the Diocesan Office to see what permissions, if any are required.
- Mary's Meals campaign is changing from "Sponsor a School" to "Feed a School"
- A suggestion was put forward for an Afternoon Tea to be held in aid of our local Hospices.
- Church Acoustics. Loop system to be checked as well as the general acoustics within the church.
- Possibility of streaming mass from St Marys and St Pauls to be investigated.

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

- Befriending Group. Aims and Objectives to be promoted at masses on the weekend of the 1st of March. Scenarios to be created to illustrate the work of the group to potential befrienders and those who could benefit from the work of the group. Names of those already identified as expressing interest in support to be passed on to the group. Anyone interested to contact Fr. O'Brien or Justine on 07951397616.
- St Vincent De Paul Society. Diocesan Chair of SVDP to be invited to the parish to outline the work of the Society to be followed by a meeting of parishioners interested in developing the work of the SVDP within the parish.
- RCIA. Potential evening for adult formation discussed.
- Parish Hall. The idea of restoring a Hall Committee raised to increase the use of the hall for the benefit of parishioners.

Diary Dates

- 1st of March. Fairtrade Coffee Morning.
- 8th of March. Altar Servers' Trip (permission slips back to Fr O'Brien by the 1st of March)
- 29th of March. Easter Sausage Sunday (Palm Sunday).

Parish Council Box

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

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 4th of March 2026