



Catholic Parish of Guildford

Minutes, Formation Team Meeting, Wednesday 24th February 2021

Attendees: Zelma Braganza, Peter Charlwood, Aseel Gilbert, Tina Nichols, Chris Richardson, Fr Roy Waters

Apologies: Janet Burr, Sinclair Webster

Circulation: as preceding plus Mgr. Tony Barry, Sandy Hunt (Parish Secretary), David Campbell (Mission Team), Yvonne Newman (Communications team), Tom Kinsella (Prayer team).

1) Welcome

- The meeting opened with prayer

2) Apologies for Absence

- Jan was not able to make the meeting and so Susie joined in her place, Sinclair was unable to make it due to a conflict.

3) Minutes of previous meeting held on the 13th January.

- Approved

4) Lent programme feedback

- We had a brief discussion about the meeting Chris and Aseel had with the diocesan team leading invited and at the time it was felt that running something local was not perhaps the right thing to do and so it was agreed to encourage people to attend the main event. Interestingly, closer to the event starting it turned out that they would have been more than happy for people to use the material in a more local setup. So, something to consider for future sessions of the diocesan mission.

5) Genesis to Jesus

- Chris has looked into how to purchase this material and the Parish is happy to fund this. A review of the Leader's Guide as well as participants material is required to see which makes sense to purchase. Participant's access is £15 for 4 months access to the videos as well as course book. Leader / facilitator access is £109 for a year. Dates to start the course was discussed. It was agreed to start the week of the 20th April due to Easter holidays. The course will break in the middle for half term (31 May – 4 June). Plan is to run the sessions on a Tuesday.

6) Ongoing Facilitator Formation

- Aseel mentioned the material that CCO provides has been very useful as well as talking about her recent involvement with <https://millionminutes.org/> and some good material that they are in the process of creating at the moment; most of which is related to walking with people as they deepen their faith in Christ (Intentional Accompaniment). The consensus was that continued development in this area was a good thing so that we can continue to grow. It was shared the value of getting facilitators to meet outside of meeting to review material and feedback on previous sessions. We then discussed the pro and cons of using zoom during the lockdown and that for some this is a great tool to use but for some things, meeting in person maybe a better option. Zoom is a tool that is very likely to continue to be used after lockdown in addition to meeting face to face in churches and church halls. Chris raised a question about how we get more people to run things in the parish. If as a formation team we are a strategic group, should we have an operations group to implement the output of this team? It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea.

7) Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will be on the 21st April at 7pm. Chris requested for people to submit agenda items to him before the next meeting, some possible items could be planning for September and possibly looking at a year's programme of activities related to formation.

8) Closing Prayer

- Fr Roy closed the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.