

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)
CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUILDFORD (CPG)**

Held in café area St Joseph's at 8pm on Monday 5th Feb 2018

Attendees:

Mgr Tony Barry (MTB)	
Mr Daniel Lintott (DL)	St Joseph's
Mr Sean Evans (SE)	St Joseph's
Mrs Collette Melly (CM)	St Pius X
Mr Gerard Dyson (GD)	St Edward's
Mervyn Burby (MB)	St Pius X
Mary Lawrence (ML)	St Mary's

Invitees:

Mrs Aseel Gilbert (AG)	Youth and Family Co-ordinator
Pat Jones (PJ)	
Mrs Yvonne Newman (YN)	Volunteer Note-taker

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Serial	Item	Action
	Opening Prayer The meeting opened with a Gospel reading Mark 6:53-56	
1	Welcome DL welcomed everyone to the PPC meeting.	
2	Apologies for absence Errol Antao, Fr Roy Waters and Fr Sebastian Paul, Veronica Bilbe, Joseph Chan. Change of Member. DL stated that Joseph Chan has stepped down from the PPC due to work commitments. Mary Lawrence attended the PPC on behalf of St Mary's. DL welcomed Mary.	
3	Action Tracker DL updated the action tracker. Two actions remain outstanding (13 and 15), relating to the appointment of representatives for the 6pm mass at St Joseph's and at St Mary's and agreeing a way of recognising the contribution that parishioners make to the parish. All other actions are complete	DL

4	<p>The Word who is Life- Vision for Mission.</p> <p>Pat Jones led this discussion. Two consultation meetings were held in CPG on 15th and 19th January at which a total of 148 people attended, Pat facilitated both meetings. There was group feedback as well as 62 individual responses from participants, which Pat used to draft three papers circulated prior to the meeting. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of feedback from both meetings. This is a long list and it was agreed that this will be placed on the CPG website. 2. Feedback from CPG t to contribute to the Deanery response to Bishop Richard’s consultation in the diocese. 3. Summary of practical priorities for CPG arising from the consultation meetings. <p>The bulk of the discussion at PPC was on papers 2and 3.</p> <p>Deanery Response.</p> <p>There were two additional questions that needed a PPC view.</p> <p>Question 1. What factors caused the present situation in the Diocese – reducing numbers of priests.</p> <p>Points from PPC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of ministry for youth, in general relationships with young people were not good enough, although this is not true of CPG where the youth ministry is well established. • The building blocks of a deeper relationship with God and the understanding of what it means to be a disciple are not firmly established in young people. Formation is key. • Societal changes including the social position of the Church and the way people now live their lives. • Fewer Catholics in the population overall. • The Catholic Church tends to be more a Sacramental church rather than an evangelistic Church, so we need to get the building blocks in place first to explain the Sacramental programme. • Outreach and involvement of families is very important as families bring young people to Church and establish patterns of behaviour. • Exposure to seminarians is important. • Language and developing the skills of being able to speak to others about faith is important, people can be enthusiastic but need good formation to avoid putting people off. • Learning to listen deeply is an important art of formation so that attitudes to faith and practice can be explored • The “mood music” surrounding the Church at present which tends to be very negative may be putting people off. 	DL
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ordination of married men as priests may be helpful but perhaps less than we think as there is a general lack of commitment to marriage in the population. <p>Question 2. If the Diocese had 25 priests how would they be distributed?</p> <p>Points raised include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important f to remain focused on Mission not just maintenance. • In planning consider the geography of the region and the distribution of the faith communities as well as more isolated rural parishioners. • Consider the needs of priests for a satisfying ministry, for working in teams with colleagues as well as the changing needs of communities. • Analysis of the population demographics – the distribution of Catholics across the diocese is important. • Lay people will need to have the formation to be able to lead and “look after” faith communities. <p>ACTION. Pat will amend the CPG feedback in the light of the discussion and circulate this to the group. This paper will then go forward to be included in Deanery feedback to Bishop Richard.</p> <p>CPG Priorities paper This is a summary of priorities identified for CPG expressed in a headline way and needing further discussion and work in order to take it forward in terms of practical actions.</p> <p>Points raised in discussion included:</p> <p>Feedback from young people that they would welcome another meeting to explore the roles of laity and priest in practical terms and decide what they can do.</p> <p>Fuller understanding of what people meant by the “need for leadership and a leadership team.”</p> <p>We need to be clear that any group that parishioners wish to establish e.g. mother and baby has the leadership and support to ensure it is an evangelising group that can promote the mission of the church.</p> <p>Communication is good in CPG but could be better. The revised newsletter is much better and easier to read but logistically difficult to distribute. MBT indicated that a communication group will be established.</p> <p>Prayer cards worked well for the First Communion programme and may be useful in other settings.</p>	<p>PJ MTB</p>
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	<p>Identify the quick wins e.g. regular updates through the newsletter and ensure consistency of communication across the parish.</p> <p>Further work on CPG priorities to translate them into action could be done through working groups on the three priority areas of Prayer, Formation and Mission.</p> <p>The PPC discussed having a follow up meeting to explore the practical issues for the laity going forward will be organised in some months.</p> <p>ACTION. It was agreed that:</p> <p>PJ will amend the paper in the light of the discussion.</p> <p>Aseel will format it to make it consistent with the original flyer and it will be distributed with the newsletter.</p> <p>MTB will provide regular communication on the action following this consultation in the newsletter</p>	<p>PJ</p> <p>AG</p> <p>MTB</p>
5	<p>Agree date for next meeting The next PPC meeting will be on Thursday April 12th at 8pm in St Joseph's.</p>	DL
6	<p>Any Other Business YN indicated that she would like to produce a Welcome brochure for CPG on the same lines as the St Joseph's Welcome that has been in place for some years. This is complementary to the website and summarises information on the website. She asked if this would be supported by PPC and whether representatives of the four churches would be happy to be contacted for information. The response to both was positive.</p>	YN
	<p>Closing Prayer MTB led the closing prayer.</p>	