

**St Teresa’s Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2017**

Present: Clemence Kudiabor (Chair); Margaret Malone; Paul Carter; Father John Mulligan; Margaret O’Donovan; Fred Mendonca; Adri Wells; Mary Mandryk; Mary Cadd; Lorraine Pinto; Liz Continho; Rob Mobile; Denis Yorke; Justin Datchler; Jean Dolan (Minutes)

1. Apologies for absence: Theresa Goldband; Con Diver; Brendan Gilbert

<p>2. Sacramental Preparation</p> <p>First Holy Communion</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>RCIA</p>	<p>There have been 2 preparation sessions of 2017. Both sessions well attended.</p> <p>Confirmation 2017 begins their preparation on Saturday 25th February. The programme includes FLAME youth day at Wembley stadium. The sacrament of Confirmation to be received in June. 5 young people are supporting the catechists.</p> <p>8 candidates/catechumens will go to St George’s cathedral on 04/03/2017 for their Rite of Election and to be received into the church at the Easter vigil. Denys Hyde has joined the RCIA catechist team.</p>	<p>Action:</p>
<p>3. Catechists – On Going Formation</p>	<p>There are Deanery events during March, April and May 2017 led by eminent speakers to develop catechists formation.</p> <p>An anonymous catechist survey has been provided to gather information on what formation, training have catechists received and what would help them in their ministry. Catechists have asked for prayer space, retreats and confidence building. The parish plans to offer as much support as we can to as many as we can. All catechists are encouraged to attend the forthcoming Deanery events.</p>	<p>All Catechists and PPC members</p>

	<p>Sandeep and Swami are being ordained as Deacons in February 2017 and will be in the parish for 3 to 4 months after their ordination.</p>	
<p>4. Youth Report - Finance</p>	<p>The Youth Programme currently costs £54,000 annually. There is a shortfall of £21,000 for 2017/2018. Youth clubs costing £19,000 – funding is up to July 2017. School Pastoral Service costing £10,000 – funding is secured until April 2017. Connect + costing £15,000 funding is secured until September 2017. The parents of the young people who attend the youth programme will be consulted. The proposals are to increase the youth club subscription to £4- £5 per week. Also monthly debit options could be arranged for a 12 month commitment Bronze - £8 per month Silver - £10 per month Gold - £12 per month</p> <p>CHEC is linked to the youth project and bids. There is £13,000 in reserve. £10,000 School projects £10,000 via grants.</p> <p>Special projects /sports/events £10,000 There is no funding yet available. Parish surplus could potential go towards youth projects. Following discussion PPC members voted to support the Youth Project for one year (this year) by funding the shortfall of £21,000. Funding for the Youth Project will be looked at year on year by the parish finance committee. Adri Wells to review the figures of parish finances to see if this is feasible. The bids for Porticus open in January 2017 and confirmation of approval takes 6 months.</p>	<p>Rob Mobile and Adri Wells</p>

	<p>The SVP group may offer funding to support struggling families.</p> <p>As the project includes different cultures and genders the parish could make a parish appeal.</p>	
<p>5. Communication</p> <p>Parish website</p> <p>Projectors</p>	<p>The new parish website has received positive responses and is updated regularly.</p> <p>The projectors are a good resource to support the liturgy.</p>	
<p>6. Maintenance</p> <p>Toilet Block</p> <p>Microphones</p>	<p>There are still signage to be put in place and the ground needs levelling for wheelchair users.</p> <p>There needs to be work done on the hearing loop for people with impaired hearing.</p>	Con Diver
7. A.O.B.	Kairos Retreat on 29 th April 2017	
8. Next Meetings	<p>PPC Meetings</p> <p>22nd February 2017 – Margaret Malone (Chair)</p> <p>28th March 2017</p> <p>24th May 2017</p>	
9. Closing Prayer	Clemence Kudiabor led the closing prayer	