

St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Present: Margaret Malone; (Chair) Paul Carter; Clemence Kudiabor; Father John Mulligan; Fred Mendonca; Con Diver; Brendan Gilbert; Mary Cadd; Mary Lee; Denis Yorke; Mary Mandryk; Justin Datchler; Rob Mobile; Margaret O'Donvan; Jean Dolan (Minutes)

Apologies: Theresa Goldband; Adri Wells; Liz Continho; Bernadette Muhern

1. Welcome	Margaret Malone welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2. Opening Prayer	Mary Mandryk led the opening prayer. Con Diver led special prayers for the families of Teresa Goldband, Adri Wells and Michelle Thomas.	ACTION:
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	Minutes of previous meeting on the 25 th January 2017 were approved.	
4. Matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda)		
5. Pastoral and General Parish Life		
a) AGM Feedback – All	The reports were comprehensive and informative. No feedback has been received.	
b) Sacramental Review	On 1 st March 2017 there is a planning meeting. It is a bigger group who are enthusiastic and encouraged through the school. The first reconciliation will be soon. Bonny, Jo Kelly and Jenny Brix-Smith are leading the crèche for 6 sessions and will continue next year.	
First Holy Communion		
Confirmation	38 young people have signed up for confirmation. This year confirmation begins on Saturday 25 th February 2017 at 4pm. There will be an appeal for additional catechists in the parish newsletter.	
RCIA	The Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral is on Saturday 4 th March 2017. There are 7 adults attending from the RCIA group. 8 adults will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in April 2017.	

<p>Prayer Groups</p> <p>Baptisms</p> <p>c) Holy Week</p> <p>d) Catechists</p>	<p>The Prayer Groups are ongoing. At the Eucharistic Adoration evenings on Tuesdays at 7.30pm have 10-15 people attending. The prayer day which is held every 3rd Saturday has 20 people attending.</p> <p>Baptisms are 40-50 per year.</p> <p>Sandeep Lakra and Swaminathan Krishnamurti are being ordained as deacons on 25/02/2017 on their journey towards priesthood later in the year. They will remain with St Teresa's for the next few months. After ordination they will be able to celebrate baptisms. There are 5 baptisms this weekend. They will also be involved with St Teresa's school and St Raphael's Hospice.</p> <p>An appeal for Marshals to oversee parking will be placed in the parish newsletter. During Lent adoration will be scheduled on Tuesday mornings for 30 minutes in the School. Parents will be encouraged to attend adoration on Tuesday evenings. A notice will be placed in the school newsletter.</p> <p>There was a strong response to the Catechist Survey – the results show that the catechists would appreciate training or formation sessions to build their confidence.</p> <p>The event for readers and catechists held on 11th February 2017 at St Teresa's led by Denis McBride had 84 people attending and was highly praised.</p>	
<p>6. Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>Adri Wells not present so deferred to next PPC meeting</p>	<p>Adri Wells</p>
<p>7. CHEC Report</p>	<p>It was announced that a donation of £4,000 had been received for the Sir Harold Hood Charitable Trust. CHEC are planning to organise fundraising events to link in with St Teresa's 80th Anniversary. There are proposals for a summer event and an autumn event. (International Evening)</p>	<p>CHEC Members</p> <p>Paul Carter</p>

<p>8. Youth Report</p>	<p>The School could provide the venue and suitable dates can be found. After this a planning team can start organising.</p> <p>A summer fair is suggested with the proceeds divided between the School and Parish. During the spring CHEC could ask people to take part in the Wandle Walk. The 20km (14 mile) Wandle Trail follows the route of the River Wandle from Croydon to the Thames at Wandsworth. There are both walking and cycling routes, which coincide for much of the way but differ in places. Part of the trail is National Cycle Network Route 20. Volunteers could do the whole walk or sections of the walk. There are lots of nice places of interest on the route. If possible to tie in with the celebration 80 people could sign up to take part in the walk and be sponsored. On 30th July 2017 the Ride London event will take place. Gerry Kirane's daughter is running in the London Marathon on behalf of the British Heart Foundation and she may be able to allocate some of sponsorship towards St Teresa's parish. If this is possible then the parish could support her by sponsorship, introducing her during school assembly, putting up posters and flyers and signing up sponsors at the contact corner in church. CHEC will liaise with her formally.</p> <p>Discussion on action sanctioned by the committee at the last PPC meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2017. In April 2017 it will be confirmed if funding has been secured for the School Pastoral Service. There are 2 bids pending. The appeal to the parents to use Direct Debit payments for the youth clubs has met with a positive response. The members are tasked with fundraising £100 each over 12 months. A parish appeal has been proposed after building the profile of the youth project. The Ghananian Community Mass generated £438 which was donated to the Youth Project.</p> <p>Pink and blue collecting buckets were used for donations.</p>	<p>Rob Mobile</p>
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<p>9. School Report</p>	<p>The Standing Order procedure to be launched by Easter. By January 2018 the Youth Project will be able to confirm where they are financially.</p> <p>The Youth Project to be included on the agenda for the next PPC meeting.</p> <p>A strategic view to be established by the PPC on supporting the Community Project.</p> <p>It is proposed that the proceeds of the Summer Fete, the International Evening and the Wandle Walk go towards CHEC.</p> <p>The proceeds from the London Marathon go towards the Youth Project.</p> <p>St Teresa's school had their OFSTED inspection in February 2017. After 2 years of planning and preparation – it was a strong team effort to remain on top performance and maintain high standards.</p> <p>The school benefits from strong leadership and consistently high academic results. Year 1 have achieved the best reading levels in Merton.</p> <p>Justin Dachtler thanks for the support of the parish, the school governors and staff and the PPC extend our thanks to Justin and the school.</p> <p>The Diocese section 48 review is forthcoming and will take place over 1 day. The school continue to focus and improve the Catholic ethos and catholic education and the consistency of teaching and learning.</p> <p>Rob Mobile and Jo Kelly are developing a structured formation for prayer group leaders. The young people will be serving throughout the year, developing through outreach activities over 2 years. There are opportunities for them to be involved with CAFOD. Prayer group leaders will be selected from year 4 and in year 5 will be offered a trip to Liseaux.</p> <p>The Business Manager Mr. Tadhg Fahy has arranged for the school to pay for 10 additional lunches on Friday mornings and plans to invite residents from Montague Road, Morden to come to the school and have lunch with the pupils. This is to further school links with the community and have intergenerational activities.</p> <p>Leaflets will be produced with feedback forms to respond. Invitations to follow.</p>	
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10. Confidential Items	One	
AOB Next PPC Meetings	Thursday 4 th May 2017 Wednesday 21 st June 2017	
Closing Prayer	Brendan Gilbert led the PPC in the closing prayer.	