

St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2017

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

1. Apologies for absence: Bernadette Mulhern; Fred Mendonca; Brendan Gilbert

<p>2. Opening Prayer</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>Con Diver led the opening prayer</p> <p>Agreed</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising from previous meeting</p>	<p>Matters arising will be dealt with under agenda items.</p>	
<p>4. Pastoral & General Parish Life</p> <p>a) Support of IT Infrastructure</p> <p>b) Support of Music</p> <p>c) Sacramental Review</p>	<p>IT cover for Chris – a request has gone in the newsletter Agnelo is available on Saturday evenings, Alex Chan and Charles at 11am. A Filipino lady could cover the 9am Mass.</p> <p>IT issues in church, parish records Wi-Fi, Internet all need improving. BT line has been replaced; it is OK their end but the line is not strong enough to remote in to look at the problems. Logs are being kept and reported back to BT. It was thought an IT Support company was required. Justin has suggested the company used by the school may be of use. A review of IT providers was carried out last year so much of the investigation work has already been carried out. He will make some inquiries with the company and put them in touch with the parish. Initial talks can then begin regarding annual contract, charges and T&C's etc.</p> <p>The parish organist is not able to provide training due to health issues and distances involved. A grade 7 Wimbledon College student could be a suitable candidate and training may be sought elsewhere. This was seen as a good idea with links to the schools being important. A notice in the newsletter maybe appropriate.</p> <p>FHC – The four Masses all went very well and the music was fantastic. It is hoped to organise the music for next year as early as possible. Very positive feedback was received from the parents' sessions, with a special thanks to all those who helped out and contributed in the programme. St Teresa's parallel children and parent sessions are still a fairly unique occurrence.</p> <p>Confirmation - continues with rehearsals this week and Confirmation taking place on Saturday 24th June. A Battersea retreat took place with a Parents Mass in the afternoon. A positive experience with a more prayerful direction, the highlight being children receiving letters written by their parents. With the addition of three young people from a neighbouring parish there will be 41 young candidates for Confirmation.</p> <p>RCIA – The last meeting took place on Monday evening with a party to end the year. Eight people were received into the church at Easter and the new year will start again in September. A suggestion was made to hold an enquiry morning at the school for parents who may be interested in finding out more. A notice could be put into the school newsletter inviting those who may not have made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation to take part. Mary Cadd will liaise with Justin, working towards the first meeting of the new year on 11th September.</p> <p>Prayer Groups – All going well. Children's Liturgy could do with more helpers as the group numbers can be between 30 - 60. The older altar servers help out which is a great aid and it may be possible to look for volunteers from</p>	<p>Justin Agenda</p> <p>Mary Cadd Justin</p>

<p>d) 80th Anniversary Celebrations</p>	<p>post Confirmation candidates - Connect+ volunteers. Justin offered these young people some experience to work with groups of children at the school.</p> <p>Mothers' prayer group has now formed as an online meeting and Mary Mandryk asked about the possibility of opening this group up to the school. Justin agreed that a monthly group of Mothers could meet in the school chapel. Mary would talk to the organiser of the prayer group and contact Justin.</p> <p>Baptisms continue every month.</p> <p>Bella completed The Wandle Walk which went ahead on June 11th. Response regarding sponsorship is not yet known.</p> <p>Planning for the Summer Fayre on 16th July progresses. Help is slowly coming in, most needed in setting up/down and running stalls. The £1,000 top raffle prize has almost been reached and a note of thanks goes to all those who gave £25 or more. A second prize of a games system and third prize a Fitbit watch will be on offer.</p> <p>Celebrations for October 1st go on. A number of suggestions were put forward:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include names of notable parishioners and priests along with the years • the year plaque could form some form of jigsaw or design • a memory wall <p>About 50 parishioners have signed up for the choir and about 15 for helping at the event. There will be four dates in September for the choir to meet, 16th a choir workshop and 21st, 28th & 30th for rehearsal.</p>	<p>Mary Mandryk</p>
<p>e) Jesuit Deacons' Departure</p>	<p>Many thanks go to both Swami and Sandeep as they prepare to leave St. Teresa's in readiness for their ordinations; Fr.John said they would be presented with a Stole each. The PPC agreed in principal to a financial gift for each of the Jesuit deacons and Fr.John will confirm this gift will be used towards their ordination costs. The two deacons will be sorely missed, they have played an active part in the sacraments of the parish, assisting at Mass, Baptisms and Funerals.</p> <p>Michael, a first year seminary student left St. Teresa's today after a short stay at the parish.</p>	<p>Fr.John</p>
<p>5. Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>The finance report was presented by Adri. Contributions by gift aid envelopes were dropping, standing orders stayed the same and plate collections have slightly gone up. The estimated net income for the year is 24k.</p> <p>Donations for specific purposes had been received. £500 for altar server outfits and £700 for the restoration of the acolyte candles.</p> <p>Two thousand pounds has been allocated for October 80th Anniversary celebrations.</p>	
<p>6. CHEC report</p>	<p>There is no known date for the next meeting of CHEC as this has yet to be arranged. The next step will be to revisit the bid process again for the next round. The path to the toilets should be completed by the summer. The possibility was raised of the new kitchen being worked on during the 80th Anniversary year. This will be taken back to CHEC for discussion.</p> <p>Justin requested the use of the parish centre for small assemblies as the school will need the diocese to carry out work on the school hall. It was agreed, if the dates were suitable with church activities. Justin will keep the</p>	<p>Paul Con</p> <p>Justin</p>

	parish informed.	
7. Youth Report	<p>The clubs were rolling along nicely. Prayer spaces in the school will be re-worked over the next few weeks and a theme of Unity will be adopted across them.</p> <p>A review of the Pastoral Support in schools was looked at with the aim of how to move forward. <i>See under School Update</i></p> <p>Connect+ volunteers have been on exam break but will be back in action again soon.</p> <p>Lunch & Learn will be a new initiative for the volunteers to work with older people and teach them basic IT skills. The school will hold two taster session this term ready for launch in September.</p> <p>The youth groups will be heavily involved with the Summer Fayre and it is hoped to organise a Guinness World Record attempt to climb the height of mount Everest at an indoor facility. Aim is for three teams of 12 participants.</p> <p>There are 20 parents signed up for the direct debit scheme for the clubs and a further push may produce more.</p> <p>The process of applying for further grants is ongoing. A few bids are already in for small funds and 2.5k is still outstanding from another.</p> <p>The Tuesday Club has a planned day trip to Eastbourne.</p>	
8. School update	<p>As a review of the pastoral support a meeting was held on Faith Formation at St Teresa's school. This was addressed as a journey, like that of St. Paul's conversion on the road to Emmaus. Starting from the point of a mission to build God's Kingdom on earth, journeying together as a school community, looking at the opportunities along the way and how the continuation of His Kingdom can be built.</p> <p><i>Key points and steps to achieving this journey via pastoral support are noted on the attached document.</i></p> <p>A new inter-generational initiative will be starting with the Lunch & Learn course. Open to the over 60's who want to find out more about using technology with the help from the younger generation. Two trial sessions will take place in July and it is hoped it will continue in the September term.</p> <p>The allotments and new greenhouse projects are operational and Steve Smith is the contact. This ties in with the work the children have been doing with CAFOD on which Mary Mandryk gave a lovely assembly.</p> <p>The OFSTED and Section 48 Inspection by Southwark Diocese have been carried out. Reports have classed St. Teresa's as Good and Outstanding and the reports will be made available on the website.</p> <p>http://www.st-teresas.merton.sch.uk/docs/St_Terasas_Primary_Morden_S48_Mar_17.pdf</p> <p>https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/102669</p> <p>Congratulations were expressed to Justin being received into the Church on 11th June.</p>	
9. Liverpool	<p>Fr John introduced Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018. A Eucharistic Pilgrimage to take place September 2018 in Liverpool. Every parish are invited to send two people to attend and feedback to their parish. Time at the next PPC meeting will be dedicated to this topic.</p>	

	<p>It is our chance to Review, Evaluate and Find Out - is this the best way to do things? This is an extremely important journey for everyone and will need a year of preparation in readiness for 2018. The Council in conjunction with the parish will produce a list of what they feel should be taken to Liverpool. The two representatives of St. Teresa's will need prayer and support throughout this year of preparation - as they will be Ambassadors for the cause.</p> <p>A Synod on Youth will take place in October 2018 and an England & Wales Youth Poll will be taken until 30th June this year. A short version will be made available this week at the clubs.</p>	<p>AGENDA</p> <p>ROB</p>
10. Confidential	None	
11. A.O.B.	<p>A First Holy Communion Assembly will take place at 9.30am on 6th July. All the children who made their FHC this year will come dressed for this event. The PPC were invited to attend any those who do should contact Lorraine Isaac or Margaret Malone.</p> <p>The Anointing Mass took place on Saturday 17th June and went well.</p>	
8. Next Meetings	<p>13th Sept (Chair Margaret) Opening prayer: Mary Mandryk Closing prayer: Liz Continho</p> <p>25th Oct (Chair Paul)</p> <p>29th Nov (chair (Clemence)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meetings will be held at 7.30pm.</p>	
9. Closing Prayer	Theresa led the closing prayer.	