

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Thursday October 11th, 2018. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES.

1. **Present.** Fr Peter, Margaret Drury, Jim Burns (chair), Rachel McKay (minutes), David Small, James Walker, Terry Thiele, Sophie Hourihan.
2. **Apologies;** - Alison McGarr, Margaret Horan, Tony Cordes, Anne Rogowski, Helen Lyons, Anne-Marie Bailey, Tony Shaw.
3. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.
4. **From Maintenance To Mission.**

James gave some feedback from his discussions with an older teenage group that don't attend Mass about our thoughts on changing the sacramental programmes. They accepted why we wanted to change the way of doing the Sacramental programmes and yet expressed the fact that, if they hadn't been forced through the programmes by their parents, then at age 18, when they found an interest in church, they wouldn't have known where to start. At least having done the programmes, this then gave them the confidence to be able to turn up at Mass 7-8 years later and join back in. Margaret Drury stated that this is often the case bringing up teenagers that you feel that you are wasting your breath however later on sometimes you see the benefits and it's never wasted.

It is important to develop belonging groups for all age ranges. How do we engage with young people? Margaret suggested 'Linked-in' for older age group. One of the First Communion parents has offered to help us look at ways of engaging with families/children.

Fr Peter wondered about a concerted effort to engage with 18/19 year olds who haven't been confirmed. Not much happening for the 18 – 30 year old age group unless involved in Lourdes/having a family. St Joseph's used to do something with this age group. Chaplaincy model. There was discussion around possibility of a social group for this age group to belong to – meet at the pub/pub quiz etc. The idea would be a social group that would also become a supportive group.

Action; - James will speak to his age group about this idea.

5. Name Badge Sunday.

Fr Peter felt that there was a really good 'buzz' on the day. James said that people thought that Fr Peter should wear a name badge. Also

possibly we should announce it in the newsletter the week before it was happening, with a bit of background to why we're doing it. We need to build up the numbers of people happy to write the name badges for next time, however we did have different teams covering each of the Masses this time, which worked really well.

Fr Peter felt that it might not have the same impact if it was done too often. Maybe the next Name Badge Sunday could be on the Feast of Christ the King? It would make a big impact if we were able to organise teams to do name badges for the Christmas Eve/Day Masses.

6. Footsteps Programme.

Anne-Marie sent a message to report that details about the talk on October 25th by Eamonn Mulcahy have been sent round to all surrounding parishes for inclusion in their newsletters. They have also been given fliers about the talks so all should be in place for a good audience again. Anne-Marie offered an encouragement to the PPT to personally invite someone to come with them. The programme is intended as a resource for the LPA and Stockport parishes generally, as well as other denominations because we have the space and opportunity to present these talks.

Action; - PPT - consider who you could invite to the Footsteps talks?

7. Bible Weekend.

Fr Peter has heard back from the 'Catholic Bible School' with regard to them running a 'Bible weekend' in the parish. Unfortunately this is not possible for the weekend of our patronal feast, 29th June. However Fr Peter has two other possible dates **(17th-19th May)** or **(19th-21st of July.)** There was some uncertainty re Men's Bible breakfast on options one and two. Option 3 seems preferable. Fr Peter is interested in the deluxe weekend, which includes something for the schools on the Monday.

Action; - Fr Peter will follow up.

8. Projectors and Screens in church.

Fr Peter is thinking about this – James would like to be involved in the design etc. if it moves forward.

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A) Website. There are numerous previous newsletters/rotas on the website. Terry wondered if we could just leave the last two newsletters/rotas visible on the news page and drop the others into an archive file? Fr Peter was happy with this.

Action; - Terry and Anne-Marie will speak to Matthew Oates.

B) Date for distribution of the next Shine Magazine? It would be good to distribute it just before Christmas, weekend of 23rd December.

C) CaFE Course. CaFE have produced a new course– The Joy of Hope. This is a four-week course that could be run during Lent.

C) How do we best re-energise our faith and increase Mass attendance?

Sophie spoke about an initiative at the Baptist church to reach out to young families. They have a family afternoon – costs £1 per family – bouncy castle, burgers, and games – packed to the hilt – have Praise and Worship songs on the screens as background music. People available to chat and engage with families – get to know them then opportunity to invite to any events that might be relevant.

Sophie also mentioned the family film nights at the Methodist church that are also very popular and draw people in. Could this be a possible fundraising idea for the Lourdes group? We have shown films in the parish previously – could vary films for different age groups.

Action: - All – Give thought to other possible initiatives in this area for next meeting

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Tuesday 27th November 2018

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Chair; - Jim.

Minutes- Rachel