

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Monday January 28th, 2019. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES.

1. **Present.** Fr Peter (Adoration), Margaret Drury, Jim Burns (chair), Rachel McKay (minutes), David Small, James Walker, Terry Thiele, Alison McGarr, Tony Cordes, Anne-Marie Bailey, Tony Shaw.
2. **Apologies;** - Margaret Horan, Anne Rogowski, Sophie Hourihan, Helen Lyons.
3. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.
4. **From Maintenance To Mission.**
 - A. **First Sacraments.** Terry explained that this has now changed from being a structured programme to the families being encouraged to come along and belong to our community. Around 6 – 12 extra families (different ones each week) are coming along to Mass. Teresa has a 'WhatsApp' group with around 35 families in it. Fr Peter met with the families on Sunday after Mass. There are already at least 25 + children booked on to the Lenten "Journey to Easter" day. Positive feedback from PPT – sense of busyness, children seem to be enjoying it, enjoying playing after Mass in the parish centre. Alison said that a family from another parish wanted to join in how things are done at St Peter's, having heard what was happening from a friend. Further activities planned to take place over next few months – Fr Peter is going to take the children and parents into church to explain the what, how, why and when of the Mass to them. Alison has pupils doing the Cymfed 'Faith in Action' at St James' who want to volunteer at the 'Journey to Easter: Love and forgiveness' day. This would add to the number of youth helpers on the day, which would be great.
Action; Alison will speak to Teresa about involvement of the young people from St James'.
 - B. **Youth Alpha.** James spoke about Youth Alpha. Second meeting last night. 5 different groups. Around 43 young people attending including 8 young leaders. Seems to be going well. Young people come along, stay, chat, eat, play games and engage with the talks. Alpha day has been arranged at Savio house for 23rd March.
 - C. No further news on the group for 18 – 30 age group.

5. Name Badge Sunday

Christmas name badges were well received at all Masses. Again people have come forward wanting to be more involved in the parish as a direct result of the welcome on name badge Sunday. Suggested date for next name badge Sunday is now Sunday 24th February

6. Footsteps Programme. Fr Eamonn is speaking tomorrow evening. James Gallogly speaking on March 5th. Further dates have been planned for May, June, September and October this year. Parish centre has been booked. Tony Cordes invited any suggestions of possible speakers.

7. Bible Weekend.

The Bible Weekend has been arranged for **17th–19th May**. Fr Peter awaiting more information from them. Anne-Marie is intending to advertise the weekend at the Footsteps talks.

8. Screens in church.

The screens should be in place by Easter. There will be a ministry to be developed around use of the screens. James said that once the words to hymns were stored as a power point, they would be available for on-going use. Could be used for new songs not in hymnbook; Words for the Mass; promotional videos; prayers etc. David pointed out that there were guidelines for the use of screens in the Maintenance to Mission book.

9. Website.

Anne-Marie is now listed as contact for the parish website. There is a 'Latest Events' list on the home page of the website. Anne-Marie picks out events from the newsletter and forwards them to Peter Kress for inclusion on the home page. Everyone thought this was helpful.

10. Shine Magazine All going to plan. Last issue very well received. Popular – people were looking for more copies. All went. The next issue is planned for Easter Sunday, 21st April. The deadline date will be **March 24th**. Some ideas for articles;- Hannah Saatchi is doing a book review; Youth Alpha article; Flame.

Action:- Terry will add deadline date to newsletter.

Action:- All encourage articles by March 24th.

11. CaFE Course. 'Churches Together' meetings will be running on Wednesday evenings in Lent. St Peter's meeting will be on Wednesday 27th March. We have therefore decided to run CaFE on Thursday mornings during Lent, starting on Thursday 14th March, 10.30 am

finished in time for Mass. Course is called "Beloved Disciples" targeted at Over 60s but relevant to all. Looks at the "spirituality of the autumn of life." All ages will be welcome.

12. Increase of our faith and increased Mass attendance.

Alpha will be starting after Easter in the Parish centre on Thursday 2nd May. Tony suggested that people who haven't done Alpha for ten years + should be encouraged to come along for a refresh as new Alpha film series is very different from the previous recordings. Anne-Marie suggested that the publicity should reflect this. Hoping to get a good response.

David mentioned another course, "Talking Jesus" which is a six session course looking at how you go about talking about faith with people. Good material for follow-on groups.

13. Suggestions about the Car Park.

Difficulty parking is becoming an increasing issue both during the week and on Sundays. During the week elderly parishioners are having to park at the rear of the parish centre when coming to Mass, as the main body of the car park is already full. This means they have a long walk over to Mass. Often on some occasions there is very little happening in the Parish centre at the time the car park is busy. There has been double parking on a Sunday. Our Lady's have now closed the barrier to their main entrance permanently during the week as they had a similar problem.

Suggestion to ease the problem; -

Gently inform people of the situation that, due to congestion in the car park, we now have to change our system.

1. Produce leaflet advising that car parking will now just be for church and Parish centre use only. Give date when new system will come into play. Give some notice so that people will be able to find an alternative place to park. This would be placed on the windscreens of cars parked in the car park.
2. Signs made for the car park: - This is a private car park for use of those attending church or the parish centre.
3. Notice would also go in to the newsletter informing of the changes. Maybe encourage those who can to walk to Mass on a Sunday to ease congestion.
4. Possibly move to having a barrier if necessary (possibly locked?) that would be opened just before parish centre opened up in

morning and locked when the centre closed in the evening. Close gates to the other exit at night.

5. Possibly send a letter/email to Stepping Hill advising that the car park would be off limits to all but users of the Church or Parish Centre

Action; - **Fr Peter** to read the suggestion. **Terry** will look at drafting some signs for the car park. **Anne-Marie** will draft some words for flier/newsletter.

Action; - **Fr Peter** to ask Eamonn Munnelly to have a look at the lighting to the rear of the parish centre. (Poor lighting might be stopping people parking round there at night)

14. Prayer book.

The prayer book from the lady chapel is now being brought up with the offertory gifts at ten o'clock Mass.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Monday 11th March 2019

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Chair; - **Jim** **Minutes;** - **Rachel**