

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Monday March 11th, 2019. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES.

1. **Present.** Fr Peter, David Small, Sophie Hourihan, James Walker, Tony Cordes, Anne-Marie Bailey, Tony Shaw, Rachel McKay (minutes)
2. **Apologies;** - Margaret Drury, Terry Thiele, Anne Rogowski, Helen Lyons, Alison McGarr. Margaret Horan has now stepped down from the PPT.
3. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

4. **From Maintenance To Mission.**

Name Badge Sunday – next one will be on Easter Sunday – morning Masses only (8.30, 10.00 and 11.30) but not the vigil.

Youth Alpha – James reported that it is going very well. Around 26 young people possibly for confirmation. All have been encouraged to attend the Alpha day at Savio on March 23rd.

Flame – recent SPY trip to Flame – best Flame yet. Some of the Youth Alpha group attended.

First Sacrament age children – really successful day on 'Love and Forgiveness – The Case of the Empty Tomb' was held in the scout hut on Saturday led by Clair Conor. Attended by 41 primary age children plus youth helpers from SPY and Faith in Action group from St James'. Very well received.

Alpha for adults is due to start on Thursday May 2nd. For advertisement on parish website, Alpha website, and Shine.

Shine – Articles to be encouraged from all groups – deadline date is March 24th. **Action; - James** will ask for an article about Youth Alpha.

Website- Fr Peter asked if it would be possible to have a moving 'ticker tape' banner along the top of the website to advertise upcoming events. Anne-Marie felt that the website is limited by the template that we are using and that maybe it is time to look at developing a new website that allows for greater flexibility/ease of presenting information. David thought that we need to be thinking about creating a media team to develop use of screens/website/social media use etc.

Could approach a web-developer to help create a new site? Sophie said she would speak to the creative team at work for ideas. Anne-Marie felt that the starting point was to define initially what it is that we're looking for content-wise and then ask a developer to do it.

Action; - All define a wish list of features that you would like to see included on the website/ things that would assist the areas that you're involved in and forward to Anne-Marie before the next meeting.

The Marriage Course – Finished last week. Well received.

B. Bible Weekend. The Bible Weekend has been arranged for **17th–19th May**. Planning meeting to be held on **Thursday 14th March at 7.30 pm** – all invited to attend.

C. Screens in church. The screens should be in by Easter. There was a site meeting this morning. Some cabling work will be done on Friday morning. The connection point for the laptop will be adjacent to where the folk group sit. Anne-Marie made the point that some thought needs to go into preparation of what is shown on the screens at Easter as first impressions are important. David pointed out that there were guidelines for the use of screens in the Maintenance to Mission book.

D. Suggestions about the Car Park. Fr Peter put up notices around the car park on Ash Wednesday to notify people that parking was for church use only. People seemed to take note of these and parking was not an issue on Ash Wednesday. Sunday mornings are an issue but this is due to increased Mass attendance not due to other people using the car park on a Sunday. Traffic officers are around on a Sunday morning – one lady with a baby recently received a ticket. Anne-Marie suggested that signs saying that we are a private car park might be helpful. There is a possibility of marking some extra spaces as disabled spaces by the parish centre – Fr Peter thought these would be more easily accessible for disabled people if they were alongside the fence between the garage and the parish centre. Some of the car park markings are due to be redone now that the new fence is in place.

Action; - **Fr Peter** will discuss with Helen re best place for additional disabled spaces. When re-marking possibly block last space on corner of parish centre with yellow lines to ease access round the back of parish centre when car park busy. Also reword area in front of the garage e.g. "Access required at all times"

4) New Chairperson: - to be discussed next meeting.

A.O.B

1. Tony pointed out that at Footsteps one of the urns was faulty; there were very few tea towels and no washing up liquid. There were no toilet rolls in the ladies toilets and they had to go looking for more in the cupboards in the centre. Helen has already arranged for the purchase of a new urn and washing-up liquid, which were purchased today. Anne-Marie felt that the urns should be on plinths as it is very difficult for one person otherwise to fill a teapot safely. Feeling that we need to have the centre as functional as possible as very busy now for events and very difficult if the facilities/routines are not in place. The parish centre is due for a full refurbishment soon. Sophie asked if the smoking bucket could be moved further away from the front door as smoke just travels back into the building. Fr Peter felt that no one would smoke away from the entrance therefore we would just end up with cigarette ends on the floor again if we move the bucket.

Action: - Tony Cordes said he would discuss the issues about the kitchen with Helen.

2. School buses. Tony Shaw asked Fr Peter if there was any further information regarding the removal of free bus passes for children attending faith schools. Diocese involved in this issue. Decision to remove free travel passes for denominational schools seems to have already been made.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Tuesday 7th May 2019

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Minutes; - Rachel