

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Tuesday July 16th, 2019. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES

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

Very positive feedback from the bible weekend – good mix of ages involved including communion families and youth, very helpful particularly for people who had not much experience of the bible; alternative way of looking at scripture.

We've been offered a follow-up day – the two dates in the autumn clash with other events. Possibly Feb/March next year might work – could include session again for the Communion families possibly by then?

Action; - Fr. Peter will email David to check which dates are available in the New Year onwards.

5. Community Sponsorship Initiative for Refugee family.

Sophie spoke about the recent meeting. The video shown at all Masses/SPY this weekend was well received and has generated interest from parishioners and beyond the church. The project involves gathering a team of people with a variety of skills; providing suitable rented accommodation; furniture; raising £9,000 as a back up fund; finding school places; medical care; find work; help with English lessons; pointing the family in the right direction to the various agencies; everything that will help them integrate into the community; involves the parish holding a wider community meeting to involve people beyond the parish; develop links with the faith background to which they belong. Fr. Peter felt that it would be good to keep inserts going in the newsletter over the summer to keep things moving.

Action; - Sophie will speak to Alison about newsletter inserts over the summer.

A.O.B; - **1.** There was discussion around the 'Our Mission Together' project idea of having a Lay-Chaplain to cover one day a week in each

of the 3 Primary Schools. We didn't meet our target on 'Our Mission Together' therefore not enough in that fund to employ a chaplain. Still feel there would be great value in having a lay-chaplain to bridge the gap between the schools and parishes; build on the work going on in the schools and in the parish with first communion families; and bring the schools closer together.

Action;- Fr. Peter will follow-up.

2. David spoke about a parish that was using Youth Alpha for Confirmation to which the parents were also invited. Parents had their own discussion groups alongside the young people.

3. David mentioned that Laura felt that it would be good to make prayer ministry more available in the parish, maybe after Mass sometimes. Fr. Peter was happy with the idea and thought that this was something that could be pursued.

4. James has launched 'Pints and Praise' group for the 18-30 age group and it's going well. About 10 on average have met on a couple of occasions. Third meeting tomorrow at the Jolly Sailor. Will be advertised once establish a group that will be available to meet newcomers.

5. Men's Curry Group. Went very well. All helps to build a sense of belonging to something – it was felt that there is not the same sense of community in our culture that there used to be, so important to have a variety of parish groups that people can get involved in.

6. Youth Mass – date agreed for Sunday 1st September.

7. James will organise for one of the young people to do a two-page article on Lourdes for Shine – this will miss the deadline for Shine but will be written ASAP after the trip.

Action; - Let Terry/Anne-Marie know article will be late. (Rachel)

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Minutes; - Rachel. Chairperson;-