

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Monday 27th January, 2020. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES.

Present. Fr Peter, David Small, Sophie Hourihan, Margaret Drury, Tony Shaw, James Walker, Tony Cordes, Anne-Marie Bailey, Alison McGarr (Chair), Rachel McKay (minutes).

1. **Apologies;** -, Terry Thiele, Anne Rogowski.
2. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.
3. **A) Feedback on Hazel Grove and Offerton Community Sponsorship Initiative for Refugee family.**
 - Project going very well. Around £10,100 raised so far. Alison said that she was very thankful that the parish has been so generous.
 - Meeting at 6.30 pm tomorrow as Meredith from Reset is coming up from London to talk through the application form which will then be filled in over the next few weeks.
 - Timescale was to have application form filled in by June. This may happen earlier now. Family likely to arrive around 5 months after the application form goes in.
 - A significant amount of work involved in finding and securing the right accommodation for the family and having it available at the right time. Members of the team who have experience with social housing and the private rental market/housing benefits are on the look out for a property.
 - Wider team of people needs then to be gathered from the parish who will be happy to take the family shopping, doctors' appointments, popping in to see if they're ok. The more people involved the better. The extent of DBS checks for people needs to be looked in to.
 - Great community involvement in this project so far. Many new faces involved. The Kerala community raised over £200 from teas and coffees and Indian snacks on Sunday.
 - Once the application form has been completed Reset will put on a 6-hour training course to cover what happens when the family arrives and how we best look after them. The parish centre will need to be booked for this day.
 - A Race night has been arranged for 21st February.
 - Some issues around banking. At the moment it is difficult to keep track of what is in the account and know where it has come from. Phil Horton pays money in and can ask for a balance. Some

money paid directly into the account from parishioners. The parish should get a monthly statement. It would be easier if there was better access to the account.

Issues for Fr Peter to raise about the account; -

1. Would it be possible to get access to online banking/banking app. to be able to see easily where the account is up to and where the money is coming from?

2. Would it be possible to have a cash card for a member of the team to be able to access money from the account for the family's needs as they arrive/ day-to-day needs? Or have some way of accessing funds easily when they are needed that can be easily kept track of?

Action;- Fr Peter will discuss with the diocese and will feedback to Katrina tomorrow evening before the meeting?

B) Further planning for the Year of The Word.

1. There was very positive feedback about the reflection on the Gospel led by the Scripture group at the three Sunday Masses and the Saturday Mass at St Philip's this weekend. It was peaceful and prayerful and it was great that it came from the Scripture Group. This would be good to repeat.

Fr Peter suggested that this could happen on the 3rd/4th/ or 5th Sunday of Lent (Readings; - Woman at the Well; restoring the sight of the blind man; raising of Lazarus) Possibly could choose one of those weeks and repeat.

Action;- Anne-Marie said she would look at the readings and discuss with the scripture group.

2. Bible weekend follow-up day now planned for Saturday April 4th

3. Positive feedback also about the dramatization of the Gospel involving Fr Peter and the Spy group at Youth Masses. Helps to do things differently from time to time – makes people think/see things differently.

Action;- Rachel/James -involve those doing Youth Alpha in Palm Sunday Gospel reading. Young people will be doing the music.

4. There is a leaflet about events that will be taking place around the diocese for the Year of the Word.

5. Anne-Marie wondered if there was any feedback from Fr Jonathan about the Fr Nick King day held in his parish?

Action- Fr Peter will ask Fr Jonathan.

6. There was very positive feedback about the 'Stations of the Cross' led by the young people each Good Friday. Would be great if more people could get to see this as so powerful.

Action;- Fr Peter will speak to Julie.

7. Good Friday service 3 PM – could possibly look at how we read the Passion and do it differently this year. Maybe have a rest from singing for one year and involve more voices?

Action;- Fr Peter to explore.

8. Week of Guided Prayer – would be very appropriate as scripture based. David thinks that this might be planned for May.

Action;- David to discuss with Laura/Mike O'Malley.

9. Discussion around having Lectio Divina sessions on a Sunday afternoon. Tony said that Mike O'Malley knew someone who could lead this.

Action- Tony Cordes will discuss with Mike O'Malley.

10. Sophie suggested looking at ways to involve the primary school aged children in the prayers/readings at 10 AM Mass. Sinead also has some good ideas.

Action;- Sophie think of ways to involve the children/speak to Sinead.

C) Bible Weekend Follow-up day.

This will now take place on Saturday 4th April in the parish centre.

Fr Peter has been offered 3 possible formats; A formation day; a training day or a retreat day. It was decided that a retreat day would be good as it will be just before the start of Holy Week. The retreat day includes

- Led Bible Study on the Scriptures for the Sunday Mass of the weekend the follow up day takes place.
- Lectio Divina
- Scripture focused interactive liturgy
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in the form of a Holy Hour with a brief reflection to begin every 15 minutes throughout the Holy Hour.

Fr Peter suggested that it would be good to have some reflection on the scriptures that we will use during Holy Week.

Action;- Fr Peter to ask David Beresford for some time to reflect on the scriptures used in Holy Week

Action;- All – for further discussion and planning next meeting.

D) Loop system in the Main hall.

A man is coming tomorrow to discuss the loop system. Questions raised; -

- Can it be attached to a roaming microphone? And done through the PA system?
- Can it be done before next Footsteps on Tuesday 25th February?

It will probably be in the roof space covering specific area at the front of the room. Fr Peter will see what the options are tomorrow.

Action – Fr Peter will raise questions with the man.

E) Welcome pack.

There was discussion around forms available for new parishioners. Anne-Marie showed us the updated form from the back of church. Margaret Gresty was in the group that developed these and would follow-up forms received with a phone-call. Currently we're not sure if we're receiving any filled-in forms and what happens to them if we do?

Ideas; -

- Welcome pack ideas to possibly include letter of welcome from Fr Peter; copy of Shine; latest newsletter and things going on; gift aid forms?
- New stand to hold new parishioner leaflets.
- Invite 2 Syro-Malabar representatives to join the PPT.
- Need to re-visit the area of 'welcome' and re-establish a group to look at building a culture of welcome.
- Have a sign on the screens welcoming new people and encouraging them to make themselves known/sign-posting them to the forms etc.

- Invite new people who have joined the parish over the last 6 months/year to a welcome evening or special teas and coffees event.

Fr Peter suggested that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. How are we going to welcome people?

Action; - Rachel – add as Agenda item for the next meeting.

Action; - Fr Peter – invite a representative or two from the Kerala community to join the PPT.

4. A.O.B.

1. Film Club.

Seems that we have the appropriate licence. Another parish is planning to show 'The Two Popes'. Alison will find out the details about this. Could show a film as a fund-raiser for the Refugee project.

Action; - Alison will find out details from St Alban's.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Monday 9th March 2020.

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Chairperson; - Alison. Minutes; - Rachel.