

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting
Tuesday 3rd June 2025

MINUTES.

Present. Fr Peter, Alison McGarr (chair), Anne-Marie Bailey, Rachel McKay (minutes).

Apologies; Terry Thiele, Clare Allen, David Small.

Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

1. **Parking issues.** Parking has become an increased issue mainly due to the building work over at Stepping Hill hospital. Car park is used by parishioners and many others whilst attending appointments. Issues during the week when main body of car park is full and those more elderly parishioners who don't have disability badges have a long walk round to Mass from the rear of the Parish Centre. Abandoned cars also becoming an issue. The police have been notified about a vehicle that broke down and has been left for several months in the car park now. Also, there are two vans left behind the Parish Centre which have not moved and didn't respond to notes left during the parish grounds clearance. Would notices left on windscreens/car park signs saying that at times the barriers will be closed without notice, help dissuade overnight/long stay car parking? Further obstruction from the two Slimming World advertising boards, one at entrance to car park/ and second board in car park, when car park is busy. Can these be removed when the group is not meeting?

Action: - **Fr Peter** will notify the police about the additional white vans. He will ask if Slimming World boards can be moved when the meeting isn't on?

Action: - **All** - Further thought needed about how car parking issue could be addressed.

2. **Feedback from Gathering of Groups**

Clare sent out an email detailing the feedback from the groups meeting. Not much response so far. The groups meeting was very useful. Thanks to Clare for all her work on this. Many good ideas raised plus areas of need highlighted. Certain things happening already e.g. disability inclusion training. Maybe it was a lot for people to absorb in one email. Also, a very busy time of year for everyone. Some ideas take

a while to come in to being. Possibility of a more bite sized chunk in the newsletter at some stage might work/or personal approach.

Action: - ongoing.

3. Health and Safety Training/Practical support session. Rachel has spoken to Alec Mowatt who has kindly offered to run a training session in October. He will meet with us in September to plan this.

Action; - Agenda item for September.

4. Online Calendar –Feedback is that the online calendar is very useful. Clare can keep this up to date however needs people to send through their dates. Encourage this particularly for start of new term in September. Appears to be some confusion with newsletter items/calendar/ website info updates getting to right person. Maybe needs clarification that newsletter items go to the office, whilst calendar dates go to Clare Allen.

Action: - Alison will add a note for newsletter to clarify.

5. Fr Peter's Jubilee – Prosecco/orange juice 200 + on lawn if fine. Possibly up to 20 priests attending. Alison will bring music for lawn -songs from 50 years ago. Fr Peter happy for Disability Inclusion group to stream the Mass into the meeting room as a space for those who will struggle with a busy Mass. Priests will vest in sacristy/house or could use meeting room before the Mass.

Action:- John to set up technology in meeting room.

6. Shine. Good number and mix of articles now flooding in. Terry and Anne-Marie now working on the content and layout.

Action; - Fr Peter to write his introduction.

7. Website. The company have been very good. Invoice has been paid. This is still a work in progress and is time consuming. A big thanks to Anne-Marie and Chris and the team for all their hard work on this. A deadline is pending as the hosting for current website is due for renewal any time. Fr Peter to check that the current website is not on auto renewal. Anne-Marie talked us through the new website. Design and content will include St Philip's. Access statement included. Various links to Sacraments, groups, schools, candle page etc. Looks excellent. The new site should go live in next couple of weeks. Synod page introduction needs updating. Fr Peter said that newsletters are stored on office computer so no need to keep on website. Issue of data storage still

needs resolution so that people can register to receive communications from the parish. Discuss at next meeting.

Actions: - **Fr Peter** to check that the current website is not on auto renewal. **Alison**- Database – emailing newsletter/parish communication and communication through of social media to be agenda item at next meeting. **Rachel** – update introduction on Synod page.

8. Centenary Mosaic. This looks amazing thanks to Maria-Elena O’Grady. It will go on first blank wall as you come into the church on the left-hand side. Plaque underneath will say – “You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church” and acknowledge the artist and the centenary of the parish including the centenary logo. The mosaic will go up week commencing 25th June in time for our feast day on 29th June. Fr Peter arranging with electrician to have a spotlight positioned from front face of the gallery. Needs to go as high as possible to deter any fingers touching it.

Action: - **Terry** organizing the plaque. **Fr Peter** will get an electrician to install the spotlight.

A.O.B.

1. VE day celebration. This was an excellent event – enjoyed by everyone.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 10th July 2025 starting with Adoration at 7 PM in church.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.