**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 15 March 2023**

**Apologies**: Bernadette, Elsie, Bridget, Brenda, Pauline and Penne

**Attendees**: Gerry O’Donnell, Fr Peter, Stephen Trafford, Peter McFall, Sue Carr, Colin Wilding and Erica Thurbon

**Minutes**: Erica Thurbon

Opening prayer: Peter McFall

1. **Minutes of last meeting** – Agreed
2. **PPC and Terms of Office**

The Council discussed the time line for PPPC nominations and agreed the narrative for the Church newsletter.

**Action** – To think of possible parishioners who may be interested in joining the Council

1. **Follow up to the Synodal process**

Brenda – Elderly update: Gerry provided an update in Brenda’s absence. We revisited the update from the last PPC in which we spoke about the need for some parishioners to be given lifts to attend mass. If we formalised the above, we would have to go down the DBS route. There may be some volunteers that are already DBS cleared. However, Fr Peter said it would be good to know who is providing lifts to who on an informal basis.

**Action** – Fr Peter to have sight of the list of lift volunteers.

**Action** – Someone may be needed to coordinate lifts for parishioners who are still in need of a lift to mass (but the waiting list is currently zero). (We are working from the Special Minister’s list).

Peter McFall– Young families update: We made an appeal for new altar servers in Autumn last year and received a good response. We bolstered help for the children’s liturgy which started again last weekend. We have also seen added commitment from young families in the social club. Peter has undertaken some bench marking with other parishes to look at how we engage.

It would be great to have some new PPC members representing young families.

**Action** – Gerry to speak to Jenny to look to see if we can organise a welcome event for new parishioners (new to the area). Stephen and Colin happy to help.

Stephen – Youth group update: It has been difficult to get youth leaders. Ten young people came along. Three youth leaders volunteered. We are looking to consolidate that number. But there may be a possibility that it is not sustainable. We are well resourced in terms of activity. We are looking to organise a trip to St George’s Cathedral on 22nd April.

1. **Keeping the parish connected**

224 Facebook followers

53 followers on Instagram

Good use of social media to advertise the recent Church advents.

Gerry looking to raise awareness to attract new hires to the hall.

1. **Priest’s notice**

Working towards his anniversary, Fr Peter will hand out yellow cards and ask parishioners to write down the ways they take part in God’s mission (the way they serve the Lord). These will be displayed. There will also be green cards sent out after the anniversary for people to fill in who don’t currently do something or also for people who do something but want to do something different. We want to understand what people’s gifts are.

1. AOB

Colin raised that the church is looking to reintroduce the precious blood. We agreed as Council to review this in September.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 22 May

Prayer for next meeting: Bridget