

Parish Pastoral Team Meeting Minutes
St. Vincent's , Bramhall.
14th June 2022

Present: Fr. Martin, Jane Roberts, Philip Martin. John Maloney. Kate Chalmers, Mary Norton

Apologies Lucy McJannett, Cathie Kay, Margaret McCann

1. Matters arising.

(a) Roof replacement.

Work continues on the roof. Last update meeting was cancelled and has not yet been rescheduled

(b) St. Vincent's Booklet

No progress on this item yet

(c) Food collection.

It was agreed there would be a monthly Food collection for Chelwood Foodbank and/ or Wellspring depending on current needs. It would be on the 3rd Sunday in the month to coincide with the Coffee after Mass morning. A banner to remind people to bring donations would be needed.

(d) Film night

As the evenings are very light and it is currently holiday time for many, the monthly Film night will not start again until September, possibly the 3rd Friday, unless this clashes with the "Simply Books" Film Night

(e) Toddler Group.

No progress on this item yet.

(f) LAMBS Group.

A quote of £690 for the trip to Blackpool on 10th August has been received from Lamb's coaches

Agenda Items

(1) International Mass

This had been successful and was enjoyed by all who attended. Flags were brought down to the altar in procession at the start of Mass. There had been prayers and bidding prayers from 6 countries. It was suggested that we look at the pins on the world map to ensure we have the correct flags for the countries represented in our parish for next time. Thanks to all who provided food for the buffet afterwards and to those who dressed up in national costume.

(2) Commitment Forms

These were handed out at the start of the International Mass and parishioners asked to fill them in during the homily time and bring up to the altar during the Offertory. 37 forms were received that day and parishioners who had not been present would be encouraged to fill one in over the coming weeks. 16 people had shown an interest in becoming more involved in parish life. These would be contacted to thank them, and group leaders would make phone contact to welcome them to the specific groups. There were some useful comments made to suggest ways to grow our parish community. It was suggested that the Anointing Mass for the Sick could be restarted this year, in September or October.

(3) Celebrating the Parish Day

It was suggested we should have a celebration social event around the time of St Vincent de Paul's feast day. The nearest Sunday being September 25th. We could have an outdoor Mass at about midday followed by a barbeque and bouncy castle for the children. The social committee would be asked to arrange this, and a member of the committee could speak about it at Mass to encourage participation.

(4) Music

It was suggested that it would be useful to have better communication links between those organising the music and readers to minimise clashes. To help improve the parish participation in singing it might be useful to start learning a new hymn occasionally to improve our repertoire. Music was felt to be an important way to inspire more joyful liturgies. This needed to be linked in with Children's Masses too, to ensure suitable music that young people enjoy. An email was sent to the Martin family to ask if they wanted to organise a Children's Mass this month or next.

(5) Parishes in Partnership

Fr Martin was asked to find out how much was in the account so that another cheque could be sent out to Riwoto. We normally send £3,000 out each time. John Maloney had shared the letter and pictures from his contact there, Fr Tim, at St Mary Magdalene school. These were now displayed on the noticeboard in church.

AOB

We have received some leaflets from Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford. These would be distributed at the Woodford showcase event on June 18th to inform the residents of the new estate there of the various Christian churches represented in the area. It was suggested we could also send out a letter to those residents telling them about our parish to encourage any Catholic families to join us.

Meeting concluded at 21.00 **Next meeting Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm**