

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Mission Team Meeting, 2nd March 2023 – Minutes

1 Opening prayer – Our Mission Prayer.

2 Present – Stuart Monteith, Praveen Danam, Jane Roberts, Mary Norton, John Maloney, Jim Seggie, Kevin McKenna, Janine Murphy, Danny Norton, Fr Martin, Lucy McJannett, Hazel Dove.

3 Apologies:- Mark Kernburgh, Denis Clarke, Cathie Kay, Rosie Hickman, Margaret McCann

4 Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising.

- a. Hazel Dove did attend the last meeting.
- b. Fr Martin to try resetting the parish Facebook page password.

5 General

a. **Mission update – Sunday 5th March** 'lighting of candle cards' to be made available after mass at each parish. On **Friday 10th March**, Sion Community will lead Stations of the cross, then fish supper and then Sion will welcome parishioners to the mission. **Saturday 11th March**, Exposition 0830hrs, Sion Community will provide music at mass at 0930hrs, after mass, we will have a morning workshop and then shared lunch. Holy Hour 5 – 6 pm families to come and pray to light candles, with confessions available. **Sunday Mass 12th March** – Sion Community to speak at each mass. Sion will lead the music in all the masses on Sunday.

St Ambrose Primary School children have written their own parish prayer for the mission, and they have been asked to lead the parish prayer with their parents in church. St Ambrose school children will join St Ambrose mass every Thursday in Lent and say their prayer during the mass.

Parish Secretary to send a message to schools to advertise Fish Super.

65 People have booked for fish super.

St Vincent's Hall to be prepared after mass on Friday morning 10th March 2023.

b. **Lent and Lenten Penitential Services** – During Holy Hour Saturday 11th March - Confessions available during mass Fr Geoff and Fr Blaise to help with confession as above.

c. **International Mass** – Pentecost 28.5.23. Needs volunteers for each parish to organise the church, for readers, prayers, singers, in various languages. Children will carry the flags. Families to bring their own food from their culture to share. Put in the newsletter nearer the time.

d. **Mass of Anointing the Sick** – Summer date 16th July 2023, 3 pm with afternoon tea. Advertise in May 2023. Last time 20 people came for tea and biscuits afterwards.

e. **Garden Masses** – 4 garden Masses available, one per month. w/c 15th May, w/c 12th June, w/c 17th July, w/c 21st August - one per month. Advertise in the newsletter.

f. **Parish Bash** – Sunday 2 July 2023 – music will be from Spotify; Stuart will arrange music.

g. Pilgrimages/Parish Trips – Fr Martin to attend Medjugorie in May and report on Travel Agent provision of accommodation and guides. If acceptable then we will advertise Pilgrimage to Medjugorie with appropriate Travel Agent costings.

Locally – Kevin McKenna to look at various locations with overnight stays in Ampleforth or Leicester and check for interested parishioners.

Llandudno – Holy Well for prayer, mass in Llandudno and free time afterwards – Fr Martin to Call Holy Well to check availability of Holy Well and Llandudno Church and date to be set.

h. Gift Aid and Regular Giving & Offertory Envelopes – Gift Aid 5th March 2023 appeal, request for PPT to help sign people up after mass for gift aid and can PPT members to assist in the distribution of envelopes. Reach out to parishioners to join. An online giving system is available for St Vincent's and OLATA. Encourage people to increase donation via standing order if already has one set up, due to the increased cost of running churches.

Provide outgoing and incomings for each parish at the end of the financial year for parishioners to see how much it costs to run each parish.

i. Christmas Party 2023 – for all parishes, 10th December 2023 after 11 am mass at OLATA. 12 midday – 2 pm – Stuart M. Suggestions - Santa Claus, Tombola, Bacon Butties, Barbeque, Turkey, Ham Sandwiches, arts and crafts for the children. Fr Martin to ask Martin Appleton re booking hall.

j. Local Missionary Area – mass – 1st January 12 mid-day. Fr Martin will look into this.

k. May devotion coming soon – Daily rosary every evening. Procession to the Grotto with the children to Crown Our lady at the end of May.

l. Cambodia Fund – ask diocese to close the bank account and then open an account for the Free Medical Services.

6. OLATA

- a. Welcome Group – Please come and offer assistance any Saturday from 6 pm or any Sunday from 1030am. Sheila, Mark, Terry – Saturday. Mark, Ian, Henry – Sunday. Ask Children's liturgy to help to encourage children and families to come earlier.
- b. Welcome evening meal for Indian families – after Saturday 6:30 pm evening mass TBA. Parish Office to send invite out to contacts known and to schools. Praveen will sort out food.
- c. Igbo Mass- commences 5.3.23 first Sunday of every month going forwards.
- d. SVP – Mini Vinnies 27th September feast of St Vincent De Paul. Kevin is arranging. Venue OLATA, 11 am Mass then lunch - Refreshments and band in the hall – Kevin will book the hall. Approximately 150 children.
- e. Men's only evening – a successful start on Tuesday. Suggestions for new activities. Contact Kevin McKenna.
- f. Holy Saturday: Magda is organising the traditional (Polish but open to all) Blessing of Easter Food. The retiring collection (for Free Medical Services) needs to be included in advertising if Magda confirms she is happy with this.

7 St Ambrose

- a. **Parish Diaries** – Contact is being made for potential suppliers for a 3 Parishes diary for 2024.
- b. **Mass venue** – St Ambrose is reaching its economic end – to keep it going will cost above £1 million pounds and would need a parishioner number of 500 to justify the diocese investing such amount in the church. Two possible venues were suggested at the last PPT. Fr Martin has discussed those options with Bishop Mark. Primary School is the preferred location should the church have to close. The school has agreed to the use of the school hall on Sundays. However, the weekday masses would move to Our Lady's. The school hall can take up to 200 people, a staff toilet can be made available and tea and coffee making facilities. No space for the organ. Fr Martin and another caretaker needed as holders of the school keys. There may be need for some redecoration to make the hall a befitting place for Sunday Mass. Mass would still be at 0830hrs. No date fixed as yet for these changes, and the official notice will be expected to come from the diocese.
- c. Jane Roberts to find out who owns the caretaker's house in the grounds of the school.
- d. Fr Martin to invite Richard to School to view and initiate a review of any changes needed.
- e. Fr Martin to check if a Caretaker has to be available on the Sunday and for the heating, closing up the school.

9. St Vincent's

- a. **Building work recommencing** – suggesting re-start date 10th March – Jane contacted the contractor to check there should be no problems with mission social in the evening.
- b. **Good Friday Service at St Vincent's** – Fr Martin will develop the programme of activities for Easter.
- c. **Taize Service** – Need to see if we have anyone to play the piano - Rosie & Jane meeting re music, date yet to be arranged. Fr Martin suggested evening mass on a Wednesday then Taize evening afterwards.
- d. **Churches together Easter and Pentecost events** - Walk of Witness of Good Friday from URC and Fords Lane with a service outside Bramhall Methodist Church with teas and Hot Cross Buns. **Prayers rotating round the churches** – date for that for St Vincent's TBA.
- e. **Parishes in Partnership** – Office to send a further - £3,000 – to let John Maloney know when money has been sent.

10. **Any other business.** Next meeting –26.4.23, Mass at 7pm at St Vincent's – office to cancel morning mass.

Closing prayer - Children's Mission Prayer.