

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Mission Team Meeting at St Ambrose, 6th June 2024 – Minutes.

1. Opening Prayer – Fr Martin
2. Present:- Fr Martin Onuoha, Lucy McJannett, Mary Norton, Kevin McKenna, Maureen Chamberlain, Kevin Clarke, Marge Newbrook, Praveen Danam, Jim Seggie, Mark Kernberg, Jane Roberts, Hazel Dove, Cathy Kay, Margaret McCann
3. Apologies :- Rosie Hickman, Janine Murphy, Marie Byrne, John Maloney,
4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising. Pentecost mass – fantastic event, Positive feedback received for Anointing Mass – thanks from SVP for hospitality at St V, May Rosary – well attended, improving every year. Children's rosary particularly well attended over 40. Cabaret Night was excellent and raised £1402.10
5. General
 - a. Shrewsbury Parish Trip – 45 registered interest to attend. Only 3 more spaces left if all attend.
 - b. Garden Masses – Next 20.6.24 Veronica Morrell. 12.7.24 Kevin Guinness, August awaiting permission from Fr Shorrocks as outside parish boundary but a parishioner at OL. Mary N had a wonderful garden mass.
 - c. Funeral booklet – Feedback from Parishioners – one suggestion is very long lists of readings to cut down.
 - d. FHC St Ambrose – 16 June 2024. Our Lady and the Apostles 23 June 2024. Need to confirm if school are doing their own music for OLATA.
 - e. Editing of Commitment forms for 9th June at all 3 churches. Take out Wood and Bramall on Churches Together. Family group - take out Cathy Ian and Senior Group OLATA and just put Family Group - Our Lady's. Admin & communication change to Website & social media. SVP change to St Vincent DePaul. Baptism – Baptism preparation team. Take out Finance. Gardening Group for all three parishes. First reconciliation and forgiveness – add Preparation. Social Committee take out St V. Youth Group.
 - f. Scripture Group meetings – We Dare to Say – Fr Geoff is happy to help if he is free. Possibility of other support. 5-week course. Potential to evolve into a scripture group.
6. OLATA
 - a. Infrared Heating – Diocesan property manager – has sent reminder to diocesan engineers for an assessment of the church. The suggestion is for smaller quantity to and only use the heaters on Sunday morning. Will need permission as the church is a listed building. Suggestion to apply for planning for whole church due to listed status then if decide to expand in future will have. Price of the units approx. £8000 but need cost of fitting. The idea of solar panels on the church building or the presbytery was also floated.
 - b. Weekday Masses on High Altar – in winter when have infrared heating.
 - c. Presbytery Work – ongoing – further scaffolding being installed. Finish date is potentially the end of July. The annex at the top is structurally unsafe.
 - d. Plastering work in the church. Concentrating on the back and right-hand side of the church. Our Lady's Chapel side on the left will require a survey of the church roof before progressing. The question is whether the parish would like to use the Our Mission Together fund to be diverted to the repairs for the stabilisation of the substance and the redecoration of the church.
7. St Ambrose
 - a. St Ambrose maintenance programme – carbon monoxide alarm – Jim will get.

Parishioners are requesting the cleaning up/redecoration of the church. Fr Martin has spoken with the Bishop and the property manager about updating the church cosmetically. There is uncertainty if the church still has problems

with water ingress on the left side of the church – check with Colin. The suggestion was to use Our Mission Together fund for redecorating the church.

b. Mission Together funds - £15,503, no record of what the mission money is to be used for but may have been for lift access – no documentation found as yet to confirm this. The understanding, from Fr Geoff, is that a parishioner left a legacy in the past for the lift access, but we have no documents in that regard.

c. St Ambrose Feast Day 7.12.24 Thursday – Prayer Card – St Ambrose prayer - Celebration events – discuss nearer the time.

d. Children's Liturgy – Praveen assisting Marie due to bereavement with organising DBS, 3 people have volunteered

e. QR code – any feedback from parishioners. Not used by parishioners as yet.

8. St Vincent's

a. Handrails to the path – Fr Martin contacted Richard at Cural Offices – the company went bust and has had to start afresh, this work is ongoing by the diocesan team.

b. Donation to Riwoto – amount in account currently at £5,722.82 – donation of £3000 sent on 9.5.24 – problem receiving any feedback but haven't replied to John or Fr Martin. No further donations until further notice.

c. Commitment forms – Date for 9.6.24 for forms to be given out at church.

d. St Vincent's Feast Day 27th September – Prayer Card – St Vincent's prayers online - Celebration Events – Ideas over the next few months.

e. New tie clip microphone & Service of Microphone amplifier – ordered and company coming tomorrow to sort out the microphone.

f. Skip hire enable clearing of shed for storage of grey chairs and general clearing of no longer needed items – assess amount of rubbish needing removing and bring to next meeting. Date needed for cleaning outside of church.

g. New cheaper internet supplier. Currently costing £70 - 80 per month. We don't need a phone line. Only need internet access so need to cancel BT business account. Stop direct debit for BT by diocese. Microsoft account at St V may need closing too. Our Lady's has extra accounts that can be shared instead.

10. Any other business / Next meeting - Mercy Brothers band 21.6.24 and needs tombola items. Blessed Carlos Acutis Exhibition at St Ambrose – Jim Seggie happy to print. Next meeting at St Ambrose. Fr Martin Birthday Bash, Men's Social 16.7.24 curry night. Aid to the church in need – if they can come and speak to us – ask for a date for them to come and speak to us – Fr Mn & Stuart Monteith has a contact. Next meeting – 12 September at St Ambrose after the evening mass.

11. Closing Prayer – Fr Martin