

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Mission Team Meeting at St Vincent's – Minutes 8.11.24.

1. Opening Prayer – Lead by Fr Martin
2. Present:- Lucy McJannett, Rosie Hickman, Kevin McKenna, Jane Roberts, Dennis Clarke, Fr Martin, Mary Norton, Danny Norton, Maureen Chamberlain, Cathie Kay, Margaret McCann, Hazel Dove, Sarah Slingsby, Mark Kernberg.
3. Apologies :- Jim Seggie, Henry Chukwumah, John Maloney, Praveen Danam, Marge Newbrook, Marie Byrnes, Janine Murphy.
4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising – SVP appeal went well. Minutes approved.
5. General
 - a. Website for all three parishes – We currently have 3 separate websites. Could we close the two and keep one of the ones we have. Currently we use Word press, which is easy to use, but clunky and difficult to use reliably. A new website could be a bit pricey to build from scratch, then we would need to buy a domain name and then an annual fee. In the past Praveen knew someone in India who could do this cheaper – ask Praveen if this is still the case. Wix do websites that are user friendly – it might be good to get a quote from them. While we find more information, can we make updates to the 3 websites we currently have – remove Covid stuff etc. Praveen might be able to host the website if current hosts are unable to continue. We could check the possibility of retaining one of the three websites and shutting down the other two. Fr Martin to speak with Praveen.
 - b. Parishioners mass books – current books finish on Feast of Christ the King. Recycling options are being looked at for the old books. To order the same format as we currently have it would be £30 per parishioner, as each book is in the region of £5 and we would need to buy 6 books for the full cycle. Another option is to have the readings printed on the back of the newsletter. There may be cheaper options, once the initial change has settled in. Some parishioners may wish to buy their own daily mass book. Some parishes publish the readings in their newsletter. This was considered an option till a decision is made in future. The Wednesday word will have the readings and commentary weekly in the meantime.
 - d. New Parish Mass Lectionary's – Lectionary are on display in each church and will be blessed before use.
 - e. Parish Diary – We are waiting for the publisher to confirm he has enough advertisers for the diary and then it will go to print. Mark sent the publisher the bishops' conference liturgical calendar, so our feast days are appropriate to the Catholic church.
 - f. Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibition – The posters are currently being printed. Most will go round OLATA some at St A and some at St V and then move them around the parishes. The schools will be invited to see the exhibition. Mark has some bookmarks.
6. St Vincent's

- a. Handrails to the path – Initially there was progress, the application has been started afresh application, we were told. Fr Martin will send a reminder to the diocese re winter coming and danger with regards to people falling/slipping on the ramp.
- b. New PPT members – Welcome back to Danny Norton. Judy Carey can start. Andrew when his health is up to it.
- c. Tie clip microphone and service of microphone amplifier – Last Sunday we had very loud interference, if the mic goes too close to the speaker need to reduce the volume in the Sanctuary.
- d. Anointing mass – possibly Easter/Spring? Need to know Fr's availability. With new music group Fr Martin is thinking of a monthly Anointing/Healing Service. Housebound can be brought to any of those masses too.
- e. Parishioners points – Part of the PPT is the ability to give parishioners the opportunity to express their Spirit-led visions for the growth of the parish. Anything from the parishioners can come to Fr Martin or the office and be added to the agenda. Announcements to be given in the bulletin prior to the meetings.
- f. New Eucharistic Ministers – New Volunteer from OLATA, also EM and Readers should have a day of recollection each year, so we need to start this for next year in Spring. Margaret Lillis used to come on a Saturday once a month to do the day of recollection. Monica Henry has already done the course and can start being a EM at St Vincent's should she wish to. Each priest is doing their own EM training now. There was going to be a diocese-wide event, but we haven't heard anything since Covid – Fr Martin will ask about this.
- g. HOPE 2025 - initiative by CTiBW – Short informative video shown by Jane – a welcome idea and we will do our best to support it. Next year we will think about prayers etc. Fr Martin expressed his thanks to Jane Roberts for going to the meetings on his behalf and feeding back to us.
- h. Parishes in Partnership – Riwoto - Social committee, are thinking of a fundraising event might be more engaging with the local community, potential to bring people in. Jane will speak to the Social Committee at St Vincent's.
- i. Funds for the house of St Vincent's that was sold, in Bramhall - St V haven't received any money from rent or sale of that property. Fr Frank and Fr Robertson lived in that house, previously RIP. The house sold in 2021. Parishioners would like some clarity around this, as the house was bequeathed to the parish, not the diocese. The house sold on 30th September 2021 for £450K. The money from the sale of that house would give the St V Parish security.

7. OLATA

- a. Infrared Heating – no one has been to the review the church. We also had two companies to give a quote to mend the current heaters. Approx £2700 for the current heater repair.

Suggestion to try and engage people to come in on the side door which might encourage them to come in and sit at the front. Need to make a sign to put on the front to say the church is open. Fr Martin will consider this suggestion.

b. Work inside the church – Will start during the early part of next year. Work will be around the confessional area; this will need completely cordoning off and no access to parishioners via the left side door of the church. The idea is for the work to be completed before Easter. The roof costs will come out of OLATA's central fund.

c. Closure of the roundabout at Greek Street - parishioners to be informed of the road work.

d. Christmas Carols – 12.12.24 – School Carol Concert at OLATA, by both Catholic Primary, St James, and Aquinas. Fr Martin would like to also invite Neville Rd – Jane. Fundraising Carol Concert 13.12.24 at OLATA, in the evening.

8. St Ambrose

a. St Ambrose maintenance programme – the board decided not to approve the decoration of St Ambrose but to consider it at the Curial Council and report back. Anything above £5,000 the Parish Priest can't approve. Discussion around whether St Ambrose is going to be closed. Fr Martin explained there is a process to be followed to close a church and at the moment there is no notification of the commencement of that process.

b. St Ambrose Feast Day 5 pm mass Saturday 7.12.24 - St Ambrose would need the support and presence of the other 2 parishes.

c. Agreed Sunday Mass times - Review of the changing mass times over the last couple of years - numbers improved with mass at 10 am which was introduced for as long as we had two priests. The average came to about 60 ish people attending. Now, with one priest, there are issues with priest cover for all 3 masses – a vote at St Ambrose won for Saturday evening mass (back to the original slot allocated to St Ambrose by the diocese). From December the new mass time for St Ambrose is Saturday 5.00 pm – this new time has made it to the new Ordo for printing. It will need highlighting in the bulletin.

d. Children's Liturgy – hopefully it will still be able to continue at the new mass time on Saturday Evening.

9. Any other business / Next meeting – i. Mini Vini Mass on Tuesday 11 am at OLATA.

ii. Christmas mass times will be published soon. Fr Martin is thinking of making a Christmas card with masses published on it. iii. SVP met at St Chad's, working together to collect clothing and stationery, 450 families in the two hotels, some young children, some older and younger. St Peter's and Dialstone Methodist are currently involved. Next meeting – Thursday - 6.2.25 OLATA after the 7 pm Mass.

10. Closing Prayer – Lead by Mary Norton, Blessing from Fr Martin.