

## PPC Pre Meeting Information 23 March 2021

I am happy to update you with the activities of our group (Charismatic renewal) for the forthcoming PPC. We had a wonderful zoom meeting for praises and worship, a talk with the Topic: "Don't be afraid" given by our parish priest; Fr. Peter. We also had intercessory prayers. This was organised by the diocesan council team on 20th of Feb. 7pm and it was a great success. I can elaborate it a little more if able to join the PPC meeting. As a group we also have WhatsApp group platform where we share Bible reflections and Novenas together. Agnes Tetteh

The UCM have recently donated £50 to the Priests Training Fund, £50 to the UCM Rest Homes. £50 has also been donated to British Heart Foundation in memory of our deceased member Christine Connell. We have or are in the process of donating £200 to the Parish. Bernadette Benyon

### Faith and Light—Agenda--Faith Formation

Marjorie Parker our Lead for Safeguarding managed to secure a telephone meeting with the Bishop. And the exciting news is he has agreed wholeheartedly that Faith and light can become a parish group I contacted Fr Paul to let him know that Faith and Light have been accepted by the Bishop to become communities within the parish and that the Bishop has endorsed that Faith and light can come under the parish umbrella

Marjorie has also been in contact with the diocesan safeguarding to ensure we can work together. At the moment the diocese are awaiting new guidance in June from the UKCatholic Network and as we are not meeting, further discussions can wait until then we are certainly looking forward to when our parish groups can all meet up together in the not too distant future maybe at a parish BBQ and distribute leaflets and hold a fundraising stall Sandra Scully

The SVP are carrying on as best we can - we are in telephone contact with parishioners and members of other groups, and also with the help of Father Paul co-ordinating the other volunteering members of the Parish with the "ringing round service" it seems to be going well and appreciated. We have been called on to run errands, shopping etc and where it is safe and all socially distancing rules abided by we are happy to help. Apart from that we are limited obviously in what we can do – home visits and social interaction but let's up this is not too far off. Moira Page

## Minutes of the Parish Finance Committee Meeting, 6.30pm, 4th March 2021

The meeting was conducted by Zoom.

Present: Shaun Lawlor (Chair); David Dooling; Fr Paul Grogan. During the meeting Shaun Lawlor's connection broke down making the meeting inquorate.

Apologies: Lorraine Towler and Gerry Martin.

1. An opening prayer was said.
2. The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 21st October 2021 were approved.
3. Fr Paul apologised that he had rescheduled the timing of the meeting with very little notice which had led to two committee members not being able to attend.
4. The third quarter financial report (to 31st December) was reviewed. Key points: a) The balance across all our accounts is £39,094 (£22,000 of this comprises the first year's salary of the soon-to-be-appointed Parish Youth Worker); b) Assessable parish income has dropped by a third (£91,529 - £60,130) between 31 December 2020 and 31st December 2021 c) During this period income from the Sunday Collection dropped from £48,213 to £36,792 and that from Hire and Rental of parish properties from £24,421 to £7,505.
5. Recent expenditure:
  - a. Former Caretaker's House: approximately £4,000 to renovate the building after a particularly troublesome tenant. A new tenant has now been approved.
  - b. Repairs to St John's Church Hall following damage caused by burst water pipes: approximately £10,000, most of which we hope to receive from the insurance.
6. Brief Report from the Parish Halls' Committee of 3rd March 2021: All the indications are that regular and occasional hire of the hall will not resume very quickly. Works on hold: St Winefride's: two water heaters; carpet at the entrance flooring in the disabled persons', ladies' and gents' toilets; window blinds, stage curtains; bar roller shutters; improved sound system with drop-down screen; repair of subsidence at the front of the hall; enclosing the steps at the back of the hall for health and safety purposes; new double-glazed windows. St John's: decorate hall; new water heater; ceiling tiles and lights; installation of wi-fi; fire alarm system; refurbishment and painting of the hall kitchen; a new door into the kitchen.
7. Request by the Chair of the PPC that we furnish a brief report for the PPC meeting of 23rd March indicating proposed areas for expenditure over the next two years. The only expenditure envisaged is that listed in 5. Above. Much of it will be included in two £10,000 bids to the National Lottery Fund. If those are not successful it is unlikely that we will be able to afford to do many of the proposed works over the next two years.
8. Work on St Winefride's Roof to replace the copper façade and stolen lead from the roof. Fr Paul has taken advice from Kevin Anderson following submissions from Gerry Martin and Graham Bolland about possible replacement substances. Daniel Mason is to assist with planning the work.

9. Ideas for fundraising: It was suggested that families reconnecting with the parish for sacraments could be invited to take out a standing order to the parish at least a year after the sacraments have been celebrated, this delay to ensure a wrong impression is not given.

10. Membership of the Committee in the light of our Committee Constitution. SL, GM and DD are due to come to the end of their two three-year terms in September of this year. On the advice of Joe Deegan, Chair of the PPC, Fr Paul is to write to them to invite them to continue in post for another term.

11. There was no urgent other business.

Older People's Groups update.

At the moment we are serving up to 100 meals a week and in touch with a total of 160 people in the Bradford area on a weekly basis either via the meals service or newsletter or texts, calls etc. We mark all the occasions such as St Patrick's Day, Mothers Day etc... We will be endeavouring to deliver a little bag of goodies to each person for Easter! (That will be 160 people in total as not everyone receives a meal but they do receive a newsletter)

We still have a great connection with St John the Evangelist school and are continuing to do the Pen pal scheme in the hope that we will be able to meet up and those who have been writing to each other will be able to finally see each other in person.

We recently discussed with Fr Paul the possibility of starting a kind of cinema club (of course it doesn't have to be just for older people) Fr Paul was looking into the licencing of this.

We are also looking at the possibility of, when the social distancing restrictions are over and everything is back to normal, is there still a need for take away lunches for the vulnerable. Just thinking that maybe lunch groups are not for everyone due to lack of mobility etc. I need much more discussion around this with the Catholic Care team though!

Michelle Vink

PARISH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, BRADFORD

HALLS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 03 MARCH 2021

Present: Graham Bolland, David Dooling, Lorraine Toweler, Father Paul Grogan

Chair, Trish Barstow

1 Minutes of previous meeting accepted

2 Update on flood damage at St John's – David has met with the insurance loss adjusters and is just waiting for a quote from the joiners. All other necessary quotes have been received. The insurance company will cover all losses. We need to keep an eye on the wooden floor for water damage that is not apparent at present.

3 Roadmap for reopening of Community and Church Halls

Discussed Step 2 of the Roadmap 12 April 2021 which will give partial reopening to groups providing services for young people.

A Maria and Shirley would be able to reopen their tots groups and the dancing group would be able to meet if they wish.

B The Committee were in favour of raising our charges for tots groups from the nominal amount before the pandemic but giving a 25% discount on the normal charge of £20.00 per hour. Therefore £15.00 per hour to use the Hall for the two groups providing child play groups. Trish to contact both groups for reaction and also to raise the issue of whether they have proper safeguarding procedures in place.

Father Paul to enquire of other local churches what they charge for similar groups to use their facilities.

C At stage 3 of the Roadmap 17 May 2021 Adult groups will be able to restart if they wish. Trish to contract all group leaders.

D Father Paul reported that he now has an online booking system for the two Halls. He will operate this from the Presbytery office. That's a great step forward for the Parish.

E Trish still not happy with security arrangements. Need to discuss further.

F Licences have been suspended for the last year because of the pandemic. We now need to decide the best, most cost effective, way forward which will cover all the activities we envisage for the Halls. Father Kieron wishes to step down from being the Premises Supervisor.

Trish to contact Bradford Council Licensing Dept. to ask an update on the current situation.

4 Health and safety issues

Outstanding issue with stair well to boiler house and steps from previous door from stage outside St Winefride's. Quotes required – Graham

Finger guards “ “ “

Graham reports paint peeling from wall near front of St Winefride's Hall, near kitchen. Perhaps same problem as previous refers to flat roof.

Signs required for kitchen

COVID SIGNS REQUIRED FOR ST WINEFRIDE'S HALL

Trish Barstow 21 March 2021

Shared Leadership Team

Report to the PPC of 23rd March 2021

The Team has met three times since the last PPC meeting. Its brief is to explore ways in which we can make our parish more missional ie focused on going out to people to share with them the good news of Jesus Christ.

On 18th December we discussed: “How do we reach out to those who are unconnected to us?” We noted the need to keep in touch with single people who are housebound; that there are now hardly any families at all in our congregations (and that there weren't many before the pandemic) and that it would be good to develop our work with young people.

Key ways forward: one-to-one conversations; small groups; people in leadership roles being able to speak about their faith; provide different opportunities for participation in parish life.

On 26th January we discussed: “Supporting leaders in the parish.” We noted that lots of parishioners are currently exercising leadership across various areas and in various groups. Currently, we are not providing much support or mentorship. Some leaders might feel uncomfortable were the parish to do so. Also the parish has to respect groups' autonomy. Key issue: do leaders see their role in terms of mission (ie reaching out to the unchurched) or merely maintenance (ie keeping the show on the road) How do leaders recognise what charisms they have? Should we invest in the Called and Gift Programme to help with this? How can leaders be challenged to develop their contribution?

On 2nd March we discussed “Accompaniment.” We considered how evangelisation requires the building of relationships. Accompaniment is the most important feature of the new evangelisation. Lots of people come into the orbit of the parish for a brief period and then do not remain connected ie families of children being baptised or receiving any of the other first sacraments; couples

preparing for marriage; relatives of a recently deceased person; adults who prepare for baptism or reception into the Church. How might we foster relationships with such people.? We had an anniversary card system whereby Fr Paul sent cards to parents of baptised children, married couples and next-of-kin but this has now ceased because of insufficient administrative support. Could the UCM accompany parents of children who had received first sacraments? Could we have a marriage support group eg Teams of Our Lady? Would a Grief Support Group help? Could some parishioners walk with new converts for a couple of years after their reception (at the moment almost all cease practising within a few months)? At the moment we are doing very little accompaniment and hence the impression is given that the parish community is closed in on itself. We need a substantial number of parishioners who can be pro-active in supporting others and who can speak naturally to them about their relationship with Christ.

Father Paul Grogan

#### St Bedes and Saint Josephs----Report for Mary Mother of God PPC – March 2021

There is relatively little to report as for most of the period since the last meeting, the school has only been open to a small number of students who are vulnerable or their parents are key workers. On average about 60 students were in on a daily basis.

All learning was done via Microsoft teams and the school timetable was followed remotely.

I was in school 90% of the time picking up any welfare issues as well as teaching my lessons from my office.

We have had to change our Lenten plans and our Catholic life offer to suit online delivery.

- Every morning, house leaders led “Morning motivation” for all students instead of form time. It was a 10 minute slot linking a thought for the day, a scripture passage and some ideas for the upkeep of everyone’s wellbeing.
- There was a weekly act of worship online that was led by houses and supported by our house Priest chaplains and the lay chaplain.
- We had online liturgies for the start of Lent, and other feast days. We celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on Feb 2 as our college feast day. My house led it with contributions from our house chaplain, Fr Jackson.
- We have continued to support the Catholic Care Good Shepherd appeal. The main way has been through a virtual Camino de Santiago in each house, where we count our daily steps and add them to the house total. We have asked for sponsorship for this and when our students came back to be tested we had house days where part of it was a leisurely walk to get our steps up!
- All students were back in school from 15th March, but we are still under many COVID regulations including now having to wear masks indoors at all times

### First Confession

Year 3 children will commence their after-school preparation sessions in June and will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the school playgrounds in the week commencing 12th July.

We held a Zoom meeting with parents on the 10th February to launch the programme, which included discussions that took place in breakout rooms. This seemed to go well and encouraged parents to join in conversation about their faith and the church.

Parents/carers are asked to attend at least three of the Sycamore Faith Formation sessions as their children prepare for the Sacrament.

One parent commented that she no longer attends church and hopes that these sessions will help her think about her own faith.

### First Holy Communion

Year 4 children will commence their after-school preparation sessions after the Easter holidays and will receive their First Holy Communion at one of the five 11.30am Masses during June and early July. All Masses will take place at St. Winefride's Church with a maximum of ten First Communicants at each Mass.

Again we launched the programme with a Zoom meeting for parents on the 18th March, which was very well attended. As with First Confession, these parents are also asked to attend the Sycamore sessions.

Parents seem to like this approach as it's quite relaxed and there are no childcare issues. This may be one of the positive experiences we have gained during Lockdown.

On the 9th May, thirteen Year 5 children will receive their First Holy Communion, as their families had decided to opt out of choosing a Mass date during Advent last year.

### Confirmation

On Tuesday 27th April, there will be a Zoom Launch of the Confirmation Programme for children in Year 5 plus any children from Year 6 who were not confirmed last year.

### St John the Evangelist and St Winefride's

#### Faith Formation/ Spirituality

- Daily worship in school continues however only in bubbles
- Virtual Rosary for each of our KS2 classes has taken place since 8th March
- Lenten bags have not been given out this year due to COVID.

- Our Mini Vinnies have just started to meet and are planning to start working with different classes( when it is safe) to lead on collective worships and support mass preparation
- Weekly mass is still attended by all classes – Virtually through parish Facebook
- We aim to start class masses again after Easter.
- We have supported and communicated to our families the Sycamore – faith Formation for parents led by Father Paul.
- Additionally across the BCWCA Trust we have advertised Sycamore for our teachers and Teaching assistants.

During lockdown and since September we have worked closely with Catholic Care to host a food market at St John's and have continued with Penpals during lockdown with the key worker children

We have also Christmas cards for the elderly of the parish. However we have not had any opportunity to support Good Shepherd through fundraising activities or host the Fatima Group (monthly)

We have supported our most vulnerable families through Catholic Care hampers and through food vouchers for over 32 families.

We have also supported 28 family home learning by providing chrome books for the children and family to work on