

## **Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral Team Meeting, 18 May 2023 – Minutes**

### **1. Opening Prayer – Fr Martin**

**2. Present:** - Stuart Monteith, Praveen Danam, Jane Roberts, Lucy McLannett, Mary Norton, Rosie Hickman, Jim Seggie, Kevin McKenna, Marge Newbrook, Marie Byrne, Mark Kernberg, Moreen Chamberlain, Tina Le, Danny Norton, Fr Martin.

**3. Apologies:-** Cathie Kay, Hazel Dove, Dennis Whalmby, John Maloney, Dennis Clarke, Janine Murphy, Kate Chalmers, Henry Chukwumah.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising.** Nothing outstanding raised.

### **5. General**

a. Mission – Fr Martin requests for extra prayers for the mission, especially the Rosary. Decide what you want to do to make it fruitful. Please pray, intensifying prayers will determine the success of the mission.

b. Life in the Spirit Seminar – fliers and publicity – Kevin suggested putting event on line, Stockport online– Danny Norton to put on Everything in Edgeley – Instagram, Lucy to convert to PDF and send to Danny. Eventbrite – Henry, Fr Martin will send to the Charismatic Team. Life in the Spirit will be held in the Social Club Hall.

c. Item for the Newsletter – 1. ask parishioners to take newsletters for neighbours, nursing homes, etc. 2. Welcome for international mass opportunity to welcome all who are new to Stockport. 3. Procession for Our Lady 27.5.23 4. Remove Karen Tatton from Safeguarding

d. Mass of Anointing of the Sick – Sunday 16.7.23 3pm mass. Can Eucharistic Ministers advertise the event to the people to whom they take Communion.

e. Garden Masses – full

f. Parish Bash – Ticket and Flyers have been created – Praveen will send to Parish Office with numbers to print in the office. Outdoor furniture needed. Need 8 outdoor tables, Praveen will look at St Ambrose parish hall to see if there are any. Limit of 200 per Social Club Hall, use of outdoor space will give us extra grace 1 – 2 Gazebo's available, Moreen also has one. Any more would be appreciated. Tombola Prizes will be requested via Newsletter at beginning of June. Fr Martin would also like the launch of his new book on that day and for that to be included in the poster.

g. Pilgrimages, Medjugorje – 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Medjugorje Film night 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

h. Llandudno/Holy Well 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 - Depart about 9.30am. Praveen will create a signup sheet for the 3 parishes. Praveen will provide a flyer for the parishes.

i. Gift Aid and distribution of offertory envelopes – a few new people have signed up for gift aid. More to be encouraged to sign up and for standing orders and envelopes.

j. International mass / new families from abroad – welcome – Food after the mass will be at the 12 midday at Our Lady's Social Club and rotate next year to St Vincent's.

k. May devotion – Pentecost Novena starts tomorrow – Procession on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Our Lady's.

## **6. OLATA**

a. Welcome Group –Children's liturgy has been approached to help with Welcoming. Awaiting feedback from parents.

b. SVP – Risk assessment for Mini Vinnies and Youth SVP event on 27.9.23. involve Ged for Safeguarding and Steve for Health and Safety. Kevin and Mark are working on the risk assessment and will send when complete. SVP is rebuilding itself.

c. SVP & Eucharist ministers' collaboration - Fr Martin would like to meet with all parishioners willing to visit people to invite them to either join SVP or coordinate with SVP. SVP can do follow up visits after visits of Eucharistic ministers. Also need to coordinate Catechists who give communion and SVP to work together. Fr Martin would like to open up visiting (not Eucharistic ministers) to non-Catholics as well as Catholics. Lead for Communion Catechists - Catherine Gould OLATA, Christine/Veronica St Vincent's, Marie - St Ambrose. SVP could be invited to the Eucharistic ministers' retreat on 24.6.23.

## **7. St Ambrose**

a. Thursday masses from 15.6.23 at St Ambrose School. Monday mass will be at Our Lady's.

Parishioners would like a ballot of where they would like the Sunday masses if St Ambrose' is eventually closed.

Decision about the future of the church is left to the bishop. He has listened to us thus far to get our imputes and Fr Martin continues to feedback to him any suggestions by parishioners. It is hoped that he will write us in due course.

## **8. St Vincent's**

a. Pentecost International Mass – need the flags for the mass. Rotate the food element of the mass next year to St Vincent's

b. Suggestion to have interim meetings before the joint PPT. - Fr Martin's response - Parishioners are invited to send their agenda points to the PPT members or the parish office prior to the joint meeting, and the office arranges them according to parishes. We can invite Subgroups leads from each parish to the PPT meeting if needed. All PPT meetings ordinarily require the approval and presence of the Parish Priest, and it would be too much to continue holding three separate meetings per month. The current, rotated, joint meetings have worked well so far and helped us collaborate better as linked parishes, but this can be reviewed next year.

- c. Churches together Easter and Pentecost events – update - Prayers rotating round the churches.
- d. Parishes in Partnership – John Maloney would like to make an Announcement – John to speak with Fr Martin to arrange a date.
- e. Annual financial balance to enable the parish budget for expenses – Our annual financial returns have now been completed by the diocesan auditor to be signed sent to curial offices. The financial standing of all three parishes will be published before the next meeting. However, that we have money in the account does not mean we have to spend, as we need to save up for eventualities.
- f. Maintenance group - fence panel broken, water heater, floor cleaning tidying of office, cupboards etc. – Big clean - Help out date will be arranged and advertised in the bulletin – Jane will send date after conferring with the maintenance team. Ask all three parishes for help for St Vincent's, preferably on a Saturday.
- g. World Day of Prayer at St Vincent's 2024. Suggested time 10 30hrs immediately after mass on a Friday 1.3.23.
- h. Toddler Group – need to find storage for craft and toys. Thinking of commencing in September. Needs Health & Safety and Safeguarding.
- i. Seniors party – seniors local to Bramhall – non denomination – annual suggested date 24.9.23
- J. Friday morning coffee.
- k. Sponsors for weekly flowers – Flower lady's will talk at the end of mass – Fr Martin will arrange thank you meeting for flower lady's and can be discussed then.

**9. Any other business** - Parishioners points – 3 months of trial of mass times has completed. The notice boards outside church and the websites will need updating. People are arriving for St Vincent's at 0930 hrs expecting mass to commence at that time. Response - Fr Martin has suggested we be a little more patient until a decision has been made about St Ambrose. Jane will cover or put a tentative time on the notice board outside the church as a temporary measure.

LAMBs – coach trip to Blackpool - Fr Martin would like to know how much money has been raised so far towards the coach costs and what the shortfall is to see how the parish can help as last year. Lucy will provide Fr Martin.

SVP – SVP will be doing a sponsored walk.

**10. Date for next meeting.** Tuesday evening mass at St Ambrose 20.6.23.

**10. Closing Prayer** – Fr Martin.