

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

HARPENDEN

MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

7.30pm

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MINUTES

- Opening Prayer
- 1. Welcome & Apologies – Fernanda (Brazil.) Eddie will be Chair of the group (Mark is Deputy Chair.)
- 2. Minutes of last meeting – Board for poster needs replacing (2 ordered.)
- 3. Matters Arising – none not mentioned in the agenda.
- 4. Family & Young People Project –
 - Tony has been in touch with Jay and will arrange a meeting with him soon.
 - Ideas for development: incorporate families more into preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Encourage parents to come to baptism classes before child arrives (need greater depth of teaching.) Parent and baby group (run by parents.) Survey people more regularly about what they want. A structure is needed to enable people to volunteer easily. Paid positions. Accessible services. Give young people roles which they want to do. Ask young children to bring prayers/pictures to Mass to share with congregation. Need to look at changes to the Family Mass.
 - How do we accommodate sports fixtures and training on Sunday morning? Make public acknowledgement of issue at Mass and explain what we are doing. Tony happy to do this (October 2nd.) Other PPC members may take part as well. Tony will confirm which Masses he can do on this date.
 - Canon and Mark will come up with a list of jobs for children of a variety of ages: e.g. first Bidding Prayer to be a family one (to be presented by a family) (start at 9.45 Mass.) Other PPC members will feed in ideas. Secretary will collate.
- 5. Parish Newsletter –
 - It was agreed to keep email as main distribution outlet with a few paper copies available.
 - The jokes section may return! Canon will consider a request for a volunteer in the newsletter.
- 6. Looking at the PPC –
 - The congregation need to know what we're doing (e.g. October 2nd Mass presentation.)
 - Action after every meeting as a minimum.
 - There are great links to teaching resources on the parish website. We could have feedback lasting one minute on the use of such resources at the end of Mass (e.g. by young people.) Tony will produce a short script for this.
 - Melanie will put our email address on the parish newsletter.
 - Social activity for PPC members to engage with parishioners after a couple of months of actions.
- 7. Any other Business –
 - A social event that would appeal to the younger generation. All PPC members to consider (early item on next agenda.)
 - Welcomers needed (see item 4 above.) Canon will speak to Marianne.
 - Fernanda interested in a Teams Link for those unable to physically attended meetings.
- 8. Date of next Meeting –
 - Monday 10th October @ 7.30 p.m.