

Minutes of PPC Meeting 5th June 2025

Present: Fr Festus, John Joyce, Alan Duerden, Katrina Nzeribe, Michael Waite, Ann Marie Coubrough

Apologies: Kath Irvine, Peter Maloney, Linda and Eddie Whiteoak

1. John opened the meeting with a prayer

Minutes of the last meeting 6th March 2025

Matters arising

- Parish visits to the Holy Door St Anne's Cathedral
- Retreat House Residential Monastery
- Pilgrimage Walk from Keighley to Middleton Lodge went ahead and raised funds through a sponsors walk

Amendments

Corpus Christi possession is on the 22nd June after 11.15 Mass at St Columba's around the park.

2. PPC Composition/Membership

John circulated an example of the PPC Away Day of St Winifrede's that took place at the Briary in Ilkley. A discussion took place with 3 main areas that the PPC for The Parish of St Marys should strive to do

- Support The Parish Priest for the good of the parish
- Bring People together to take action in the parish
- Involve more people in Mass to support duties in the church

3. Parish Programme

Fr Festus circulated a programme of events for the coming 6 months which will also be distributed at both churches.

The 40 hours of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament will take place 26th 27th 28th June the school will support this on Friday 26th June.

Fr Festus will update the programme throughout the year.

A discussion took place around Tuesday evening Mass at St Peters as the lighting around the church is not very good and people feel vulnerable. The questions was asked if there needed to be a change to an evening Mass being served at St Columba's instead. Needs further discussion with the wider parishioners through the summer.

4. Volunteering/ Job Sharing

We need more people to be involved in the life of the church. We have a small number of people in each church who do their best to support both churches. However, we need to

have more to share out tasks not only at Mass but in the upkeep of the churches and the gardens.

If people are approached by Fr Festus, they may be more inclined to support the work of the church. Fr Festus is trying to encourage more children to become altar servers and will approach parishioners over the summer.

5. Formation and Faith Development

In line with the Bishop's orders children and older people need to follow instructions in the faith. The programme follows on a yearly basis.

A discussion took place on how we introduce a Journey into Faith on a Sunday evening for both parishioners and new converts.

6. Parish Priest's Slot

How do we welcome more people into the church. St Peter's have a Teas and coffees after Sunday Mass to try and keep people around and welcome newcomers. Fr Festus would like this to start at St Columba's after Sunday Mass.

A starting point for this would be after the Corpus Christi procession.

Fr Festus is also going to open St Columba's church Tuesday to Friday for a few hours each day for private prayer.

Any other business

Alan is concerned about the funds coming into the parish and that we need to try and find some way of funding raising to support the upkeep of the parish. The day to day running of the parish is one thing but we have had several major works that have been carried out this year and there is still work that needs undertaking especially at St Peter's.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th September 7pm at St Columba's

Fr Festus closed the meeting with a blessing.