

**Minutes for St Michael's Church Sonning Common held
on Monday 10th February, 2020**

Present: Fr M, KS, ML, BW, DB, MOD, TM Apologies: SB,
Opening prayer – Fr Michael

Minutes of previous meeting accepted

Matters arising:

St Mungo's – KS reported back that the charity has sent some leaflets and information about itself for display during Lent. KS was asked to contact St Mungo's to see if they are able to send a representative to come to the Masses on the 23rd to speak about the Charity

Safeguarding – ML continues to ensure we conform to current best practice.

The Christian Unity service went very well and was well attended.

The rededication of England to Mary – From the 21st February the Catholics of England have been asked to pray for the rededication of England to Mary. Information is available from the Behold2020 website. A discussion was had about the rededication and what we could do to mark this event.

Suggestions included buying a new cloth for St Mary's altar and making it a focus for the 33 days.

In addition, it was suggested that the children of the Parish should be included in the activities for the rededication.

It was suggested that a card of explanation be produced for parishioners with an image of Mary on the front. KS and FrM to look into this further.

Lent and Easter – All dates and timings for Lent and Easter have now been confirmed and a card with all the Lent and Easter details is at the proof-reading stage, with a view to getting it printed and distributed in time for Lent.

In addition to matters discussed at the last meeting, it was confirmed that the Church will stay open after 7pm Mass on Maundy Thursday until 10pm to allow parishioners the time to watch and pray.

Timings for Ash Wednesday Masses will be included in the newsletter this weekend.

It was confirmed that we will hold a series of meetings/talks to discuss Matthews Gospel.

It was agreed that these will be held twice once after the midday mass on Thursdays to last 30 minutes and also on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to last no more than an hour.

KS will contact DW to discuss an activity for the children during Lent.

MS said she will provide DBS forms for MOD, KS and KOD who will be doing more workshops in the future and will include interaction with children in the parish.

BT and FrM will also find out what Lenten talks are occurring at other parishes in the Deanery nearby so that these can be listed in the newsletter.

KS had looked into an adult version of the Lenten Calendar that is given out to the children of the Parish during Lent - there was no official Alive Publishing version but KS will look to see if there is anything appropriate available and will liaise with FrM

Parish Outing – BT has contacted Littlemore and been given some date options for the outing. A discussion was had as to the best date and it was decided that 13th June would work best for the parish. The day would

take the form of a Talk, Tour, time for reflection, Exposition and Lunch. FrM also suggested a visit to the parish church. More details will follow nearer the time.

Ecumenical Services – The date for the safari supper has been set for the 16th May, 2020 and KS is waiting to hear about the date for the planning meeting.

BT said that following the Ministers meeting it is hoped that a service will take place in the Summer and then it is hoped that 2 Carol services can be jointly organized – one as an ecumenical service and one in Sonning Common village hall for the wider community.

The Service for the sick and frail elderly – these will take place this weekend (15th/16th February) and Fr. Jojo will assist FrM with the blessings.

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Next meetings: 09/03/20 at 8.00pm in the presbytery (the later time is because Holy hour will be taking place from 7pm-8pm) and 27th April at 7.30pm