

PPC Minutes, 29/08/2024

Present: Fr M; DBT; SB; KS; PF; MO'D; ML (mins)

Opening prayer

Apologies - none

Matters Arising

A Pocketful of Prayers is now being printed and should be available in the near future for purchase (£3.50)

DBS - some information is still missing from children's liturgists. ML to follow up after holidays. Also from Birmingham, updated guidance for parishes which live stream Masses. Those who might be seen during live streamed services should sign consent forms (parents of minors should sign). Forms to be kept in the parish and notices in church to inform congregation that services are live streamed. Forms to be printed and coordinators of readers to issue.

Mass for PSRs to be held 14/09 at Sacred Heart Church in Henley. ML to pass on details to MO'D.

Future of Parish - no further updates.

Patronal weekend - talks by Fr M Doyle to begin on Friday, 27/09 at 7.00pm (followed by cheese and wine) and continue on the Saturday at 10.00am (morning only)

Produce sale - MO'D to make poster and put up in church and publish in the Parish WhatsApp Group, KS to request for items to sell in newsletter.

The new parish constitution is to be ratified at the AGM at the Parish lunch on the Sunday. There will be a link to the document in the newsletter before the AGM for parishioners to peruse and copies of the Chair's report will be made available after the AGM.

Thoughtful Living Group A group of 10 from St Michael's will take part in the Thames Clean Up on Saturday, 31/08. After this event, the Ramble for the Reading Refugee Group will be advertised. Same route and risk assessment as for previous walk in 2022 will be used. Participants will be asked to sign up and donate via the machine at the back of the Church. Parishioners may wish to "sponsor" participants this way also. Request for first aiders to join the walk.

Live Simply plaque - quotes to produce a bigger plaque are rather expensive. Fr M has offered to produce a poster to celebrate St Michael's achievement.

Engagement with the youth of the Parish - Youth Mass to take place 15/09

Social events - charity fundraising games event to be hosted by MO'D and Kevin O'D on 20th October to raise money for Missing People charity. Christmas Pudding Evening - 22/11. Possible quiz evening - KS / MO'D to ask Sue. PF has suggested a pop up painting event - will make enquiries.

Parish database - needs to be updated. KS and team to ask parishioners to check current information after Masses

Special/ celebratory Masses - anointing of the sick, 13/10 and special anniversary Mass, 20/10

AOB: votive candle stand donated by a parishioner is now at the statue of St Joseph
From 1st Sunday in November there is a move from the Jerusalem bible to the ESV bible translation - this means a new lectionary and new missals are required. Missals can be sourced from the

CTS and Hodder and Stoughton - enquiries ongoing re price and possible discounts for bulk buying.

MO'D produced a checklist for organising events in the parish - steps to book hall etc.

Dates for next meetings:

9/10 and 13/11, 7.00pm.

Closing prayer