

**ST AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY AND ENGLISH MARTYRS
JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING At ST AUGUSTINE'S
7TH NOVEMBER 2022**

PRESENT: Fr Gerry (Parish Priest); Tony Sharpe (Vice chair, St Augustine's); Simon Hall (Vice chair, English Martyrs); Nikki O`Neill (Secretary, English Martyrs); Jeni Gardener (AoC Member); Babu Aliyath (Syro-Malabar); Anne Kinghorn (AoC Member); Will Pearce (Youth Representative EM); Karen Dinsmore (EM Member); Liz Tomkins (EM Member); Veronica Hollingsbee (Secretary, St Augustine's)

Apologies Ufoma Bakpa (AoC Member)

Meeting chaired by Tony Sharpe; minutes taken by Veronica Hollingsbee.

1. Opening Prayer. This took place in the Church. This consisted of the reading of the road to Emmaus narrative. This is relevant to the "Journey of hearts together" section from the Bishops' Synthesis Synod Document. As Jesus did with those on the road to Emmaus, he accompanies us on our journey. He is especially with those who feel excluded, the disabled, those discriminated against, the sick.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 8th September 2022 Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting(s)

3.1. Karen to contact Mandy Baker. Mandy has been very busy, and therefore unavailable. This action is ongoing.

ACTION: To contact Mandy Baker re youth group. Karen. On- going.

3.2. H +S Rep to be contacted re youth group. The representative has not been available, therefore action is on-going.

ACTION: To contact H+S rep re youth group. Will Pearce. On -going.

3.3. Youth Group. Thirteen attended last Friday. The leaders would like to meet up with Fr Gerry to discuss a few issues.

ACTION: Youth group leaders to meet with Fr Gerry.

3.4. Committee members photos. Tony reported that these will be on the appropriate notice boards in two weeks.

ACTION: Notice board photos. Tony.

3.5. Polish Mass cards. We agreed we would trial these cards.

ACTION; Purchase Polish Mass cards Fr Gerry.

4. Youth Group. This group is for years 7-11, they have had three gatherings to date. There are three helpers.

- at the first meeting, 9 youth attended.
- the group will take part in the fete to raise some funds.
- the group will decide a month ahead on activities.
- next month will be a quiet time for socializing and a coffee evening.
- future activities will include party games, doughnut eating competition, games night, movie night, theme nights.
- notices will be placed in newsletters for St Patrick`s and St Peter`s advertising the group.

5. Children`s Mass, English Martyrs The first of these is scheduled for the first Sunday of Advent. The readings have not been suitable until now. The children will sit at the front, can bring one of their toys, hymns will be aimed at their level, children will bring the Offertory gifts to the Altar, the Eucharistic Prayer will be the Children`s version. The children may bring instruments to join in the recessional hymn.

6.Christmas Masses. Fr Gerry asked us to consider if we need three Masses on Christmas eve. Where should these be held? We also need to consider when the Syro-Malabar`s Priest is available to celebrate their Mass. The Mass on Christmas day will remain. The general feeling was we need the three Masses. The Christmas Masses were taking the above into account agreed to be as follows for 2023:

Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm at St Augustine`s
- 7:00pm at English Martyrs
- 7.30pm to 10.30pm (latest) Syro Malabar at St Augustine`s
- 11:00pm at St Augustines`.

Christmas Day

- 10:00am at English Martyrs`.

Fr Gerry pointed out that he is in good health, and we have Priests to provide cover if needed. In future, this may not be the case and therefore the number of Latin Rite Christmas Masses may have to be reduced.

7.Bishops` Synod Synthesis. How do we present this to the parishioners, so as to engage them in the process? Suggestions included;

- hold a meeting specifically for this.
- main points could be presented at the end of Masses, with an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions from JPPC members.

ACTION= To present points after Masses in St Augsutine`s Tony Sharpe, English Martyrs Nikki O`Neil

Other possibilities

- arrange a social evening, followed by the presentation.
- present a few points at the end of Masses, followed by coffee in the hall for parishioners to learn more.

English Martyrs` held a social after the first round of Synodal Conversations to encourage feedback and discussion. It is essential we let parishioners` know what we are changing as a result of these Synodal Conversations.

The follow-up of the Synod report (Listening with the Heart) at Brockworth due to take place November 5th, was cancelled as the facilitator was unable to attend. The work of this session was to equip people with the tools needed to identify and foster the engagement of volunteers in moving forward as parishes. It was felt we could not progress until the facilitator is able to address us. Nikki suggested we send out the Synthesis documents so parishioners could look at it.

Note: The Anglican Synod was different from ours, with responses often negative.

ACTION: To email the Bishops' Synthesis documents to those receiving newsletters via email Fr Gerry.

8.Next meetings;

Wednesday	11 th January 2023	at English Martyrs
Monday	6 th March	at St Augustines
Tuesday	9 th May	at English Martyrs
Wednesday	12 th July	at St Augustines
Thursday	7 th September	at English Martyrs

SIGNED:

Fr. Gerry, Parish Priest.

Tony Sharpe, Vice chair.