

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY AND ENGLISH MARTYRS`
MINUTES OF JOINT PARISHES` COUNCIL MEETING.
8TH NOVEMBER 2021.**

PRESENT: Fr Gerry(Parish Priest);Tony Sharpe(Vice chair, St Augustine`s.);Simon Hall (Vice chair, English Martyrs`); Nikki O`Neill (Secretary English Martyrs`); Veronica Hollingsbee (Secretary St Augustine`s) Jenni Gardener; Liz Tomkins; Karen Dinsmore.

APOLOGIES: Ufuomo Bakpa; Don Liyanage.

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

1.The meeting opened with a prayer and video of Bp Declan explaining the opening of the Synod Process. "Synondality" means walking together in a particular way.

It covers Communion, Mission, Participation- and the importance of listening. This is an invitation to everyone to take part. "The son of Man came to serve not to be served. Therefore, our service is to everyone. If we look at the Missions in other countries, catechists look after a village the Priest visits when possible. Also worth remembering that Jesus needed helpers. The prayer for the Synod was used at the Second Vatican Council.

2.Minutes of the previous meeting (16/9/2021) were approved.

3.MATTERS ARISING.

3.1. Refresh, Renew, Re-engage, Rebuilding our parishes ` post lockdown. Questionnaire added to newsletters emailed to parishioners`. RESOLVED.

3.2. First Holy Communion. Fr Gerry did meet up catechists to discuss how we proceed with the programme for 2021/22. RESOLVED.

4.INTO THE ARCHIVES – SHARING OUR STORY For English Martyrs`, Karen reported it was difficult to get parishioners to help. She has attempted to obtain comments from children and family. The church history has been completed ,as well as the community aspect.

For St Augustine`s, Jeni explained her plan for a banner. Veronica reported the history aspect has been finalized, along with attendance numbers, Priests` who served the parish. Also, a scripture reading has been chosen, and a symbol representing the life of our parish.

Fr Gerry would like us ideally to finish the parish phase by the end of November. He is pleased at progress so far

ACTION: Each parish group to meet with Fr Gerry in 2 weeks to update on progress.

5.SYNOD.Report from Nikki. She attended a presentation by Sarah Adams explaining the concept more fully. It covers communion, mission, participation. Most important that everyone is involved and listened to. It essentially means getting small groups of people (no more than 8) to talk together. We need to look at different groups-i.e. non-Catholic spouses, Ecumenical groups, FHC parents. The outcome is what is gong to work in our parish. It`s all about drawing people in. There are also online presentations of the process, which will provide a structure and guidance such as questions to ask. Also required are two Synod delegates for each parish. The delegates in turn will need facilitators to help with Spiritual Conversations

ACTION: Forward names to Fr Gerry re Synod delegate nominations.

ACTION: Request volunteers via newsletter.

6.SACRAMENTS.

- a) First holy communion. So far we have 4 candidates from St Augustine`s and 9 from English Martyrs`.
- b). RCIA. No-one has come forward to join this group.
- c). Confirmation. No action on this as Fr Gerry plans to discuss options with Fr Paul.
- d).Baptism. Ongoing.

7.NEWSLETTER. A comment was made to Fr Gerry that the newsletter "looked tired and needed updating." Fr Gerry pointed out there are numerous formats available. Some prefer to have the scripture readings included. We suggested that perhaps the person who raised the subject could look at this- Fr Gerry said the person would not be suitable

ACTION: Any JPPC volunteers to follow this up? Consider other formats at another meeting

8.AOB. Someone asked what does the JPPC think for the future? Possibly more input via computers. We also need to look at what the two processes (Synod and Into the Archives-Sharing your story) will come up with.

FUTURE MEETINGS IN 202

Tuesday 11th January at English Martyrs` (Post meeting moved to Monday 10th January)

Wednesday 9th March at St Augustine`s.

Monday 9th May at English Martyrs

Wednesday 6th July at St Augustine`s

Thursday 8th September at English Martyrs

Signed:

Fr Gerry, Parish Priest.

Date: 10th January 2022

Signed:

Tony Sharpe. Vice chair, St Augustine`s.

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