

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Mission Team Meeting at St Vincent's, 8 February 2024 – Minutes

1. Opening Prayer – Fr Martin
2. Present: -Stuart Monteith, Praveen Danam, Jane Roberts, Lucy Mcjannett, Fr Martin, Jim Seggie, Kevin McKenna, Marie Byrne, Mark Kernberg, Dennis Clarke, Henry Chukwumah, Hazel Dove, Sarah Slingsby
3. Apologies: - John Maloney, Mary Norton, Margaret McCann, Cathie Kay, Rosie Hickman, Marge Newbrook, Danny Norton.
4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising. – Mini Vinnies made the front page of the Diocesan Newsletter. Parish Mission, Garden Masses, Parish Bash, and Mass of anointing, etc. were all very successful and uplifting. Senior parties and Christingle were amazing too. The minutes were approved.

5. General

Thank you to Danny Norton for his time on the PPT and we wish him well in his new job.

a. Lent and Holy Week. Stations of the cross on Fridays. Lead for each week –

1st Friday - 16.2.24 – OL – Led by The Cleaning Group

2nd St A – Led by PPT,

3rd St V - Led by 1st Communion candidates,

4th OLATA - Led by SVP,

5th St A - Led by Prayer group,

6th St V – Led by prayer group.

b. Rosary in May arrangements for all 3 parishes to have Rosary – how will this work? First week OLATA May 1st – 7th, St Ambrose 8th – 14th, St Vincent 15 – 21st, OL 22nd – 31st, ending with procession.

c. Posters for nursing homes and sick and housebound regarding Communion & SVP visits circulated for review and approval. Add pictures of the 3 parishes on the poster, everything is to come through the office for contacts. SVP to distribute to care homes. Office to give SVP list of Care homes.

d. 1st Men's Curry Night 2024 - Wednesday 28.2.24. (Fr Moses' 32nd Birthday). Check Masala – early bird menu - for next time.

e. Planned giving talk on 17.3.24 - Each parish Gift aid coordinator to organise the talk and give out the new offertory envelopes, helped by all members of the PPT. Coordinators need to alert the diocese if anyone needs removing or adding to the offertory envelopes list. Each parish will have its own colours. Speakers: Samantha for OLATA, ST V – Christine, St Ambrose – Marie Byrne. The office is to send the text to be read on 17.3.24 re gift aid.

f. Parish Day Trip this year – Shrewsbury 7.9.24 – need to contact the cathedral for a tour and weekday mass. Praveen will contact the Coach company.

g. Garden masses 8th May St Vincent's, June, July & August

i. Monthly Film nights- 29 February 1st night, The Chosen 2 episodes per night. One month at OL on a Thursday – the prayer group. Alternating with St Vincent's the following month - Palm Sunday – The Passion of Christ at St Vincent's. The chosen to return in April at OLATA. Fr Martin to check if hall is available.

J. Parish Bash – 18 May 2024 – Cabaret Night. Henry to set up Event Bright for tickets, if possible. Praveen for paper tickets.

K. Pentecost International Mass (PIM) 19.5.24, International mass at each church and celebration at OLATA to mark OLATA Patronal feast day. To ask for volunteers for the International mass for music and book Noel on the guitar.

I. Parish Feast Day's Celebrations, St Vincent de Paul 28th September, St Ambrose 8th December, OLATA-Pentecost IM – There is need to think of spiritual element for each event, and give a prayer card for families to pray the week before about the relevant saint.

6. OLATA

a. SVP mass of anointing of sick will be held in April at St V . SVP to organise advertising and getting people there. St V to arrange the afternoon tea.

b. Infrared Heating – we have one quote for approx. £70K for the whole church, which can be done in stages. Approximately 1/3 cheaper than current heating. We have another company coming to quote.

c. Weekday Masses on High Altar – to consider if we get the heaters as above.

d. First Communion Sundays: OLATA 12.5.24 for children not in Catholic Schools. Confirmation will be on 16.5.24. Extra help is required on these days. St Ambrose primary school FHC - 16.6.24, OL's primary school FHC - 23 June 2024. St V's FHC - 12.5.24.

7. St Vincent's

a. Handrails to path – It is part of the job but the people who are running the job have gone bust. Awaiting a further update from Richard.

b. Water Heaters – the lady has been paid for materials to commence work.

c. Priest - Pink Liturgical vestment for St Vincent's & St Ambrose – one hasn't been chosen. Dermont £195 Mark will send the details to the office. Fr Martin will explore other options.

d. Redo the signing of commitment forms and parish census after Easter. Suggested date – June for all three parishes. Each parish is to prepare a template.

e. Health and safety rep – Jane to ask Bunmi.

f. Neal to look at the window in the sacristy.

g. We need a cable for the Dona donations – waiting for one to be delivered.

8. St Ambrose

a. St Ambrose maintenance programme – Ceiling mended for approx. £1000. No new leaks following the cleaning of the gutters. Some areas now need repainting – wait for spring to ensure no further leaks. Discuss at the next meetings.

b. Primary school in church this Lent. The school will be worshipping with us every Thursday during Lent.

c. Health and Safety Rep – Jim Seggie.

d. Church organ – needs retuning – Fr Martin to arrange.

e. Candles Sanctuary Lamp – clear ones, please.

g. St Ambrose would like a QR code for donations. We need an email address for St Ambrose to set this up.

h. New sign correction has been made by Jim Seggie's daughter and will be fitted in the next dry weather.

10. Any other business

a. Living Funeral Request Form for review by PPT. Suggestion to make it into a booklet with Living Funeral Instructions.

b. Edgeley Active Travel Consultation closing date 25th February 2024. This is to accommodate bicycles. Contact Network Rail & highways Agency to ascertain the effect on people getting to church. Drop-in session on 20th February at 2 pm & 8 pm. The Bridge is old and needs work on it to future-proof the area. Office to get the

consultation documents online. We need to enquire to ascertain the effect on people getting into the church. Kevin volunteered to attend one of the drop-in sessions.

c. Lenten Alms – commencing on Ash Wednesday.

d. Minnie Vinnies – Priest Band – fundraiser for Minnie Vinnies in both dioceses (Shrewsbury and Salford) no dates as yet.

e. Parish Mission for St Josephs – some events may be held at OLATA due to likely numbers involved and the repair works at St Joseph's church, but small events will still be held at St Joseph's. This is welcomed as an additional spiritual programme for our parishes. To be widely advertised within our parishes. Date involved 4 – 6 March 2024.

f. Loop at OLATA does not appear to be working.

g. Walking group – Suggestion for families – to be discussed at the next meeting.

h. Defibs – Discussion re having a Defib there are none close to OLATA – for the Health & Safety team to consider and report at the next meeting.

i. For the November Mass for those who have died – suggestion of photographs for those we are praying for that have died in the last 12 months – for discussion nearer the time.

11. Closing Prayer led by Fr Martin.

12. Next meeting – St Vincent's to host 17.4.24. Mass at 7 pm followed by PPT meeting.