

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Mission Team Meeting at St Ambrose – Minutes 12.9.24.

1. Opening Prayer – Fr Martin

2. Present:- Fr Martin Onuoha, Lucy McJannett, Mark Kernburg, Marge Newbrook, Dennis Clarke, Mary Norton, Kevin McKenna, Maureen Chamberlain, Mark Kernberg, Praveen Danam, Rosie Hickman, Jim Seggie, Sarah Slingsby.

3. Apologies :- Margaret McCann, Marie Byrne, Janine Murphy.

4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising. Garden masses were a great success, Shrewsbury retreat went well.

5. General

a. Website for all three parishes – agreement to amalgamate the website. Need quotes for setting up the websites and links. Fr Martin will ask other churches re hosting providers etc.

b. Planned Scripture Group – We dare to Say- dates Thursday 7pm from 17.10.24 to 14.11.24 OL's.

c. Funeral booklet – can be used for funerals at Stockport 3 parishes. Not to go onto the website.

d. SVP appeal for membership and special collection – Kate Birkenhead SVP after mass, Saturday 28.9.24 at OL 6:30 pm, Sun 29.9.24, 0930hrs St V & OL, 11 am, St A 6.10.24 10 am mass – the office needs check there is no clash with other things at the diary before agreeing.

e. New Lectionary – Will be used from first Sunday of Advent. Small surplus from donations. After the Sunday of Christ the King, we normally move to the next liturgical year, but these will not now have the correct readings. The previous missal provider is more expensive than Hodder who have given a cheaper option to buy the mass books - 250 books = 11.70 each, which would include all three liturgical years. Total approx. for 250 books £3000. It was agreed to ask for a sample of the books on offer. Each parish is to count how many books each church needs this Sunday and send in the numbers to the parish office. The advertisement needs to go in the bulletin to ask people to donate towards the purchase of the parishioners' books. Also, note the ability to purchase one's own booklet at £12.30. Daily missals will not be available until next April 2025.

g. Parish Diary – will be published again this year. Suggestions for new advertisers welcome. The office may need to add a different list of prayers for the New Diary.

h. Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibition – display at OL's, move to St Ambrose and then St Vincent's. Start the exhibition on possibly Tuesdays and Saturdays after mass in the morning and before mass on a Saturday night. Fr Martin is asking to see if we can have the relic. Volunteers will be needed to keep the church open for visitors

h. All schools' Carol Service Thursday 12.12.24, 1:45 pm – 2.45 pm at OLATA. All invited!

6. St Ambrose

a. St Ambrose maintenance programme – carbon monoxide alarm purchased and needs placing appropriately. Ask Colin re concern regarding gas leak on the kitchen heater.

b. Mission Together funds – Re painting the church, we are waiting for the next meeting of the Diocese with regards to painting the church – meeting is 13.9.24 and we should know after then, as it is on the Agenda.

c. St Ambrose Feast Day 7.12.24 Thursday – St Ambrose prayer - Celebration events. Celebrated at church on Sunday 8.12.24 with Parishioners, and the children from St Ambrose will come to mass on 5.12.24 to celebrate the feast day. Support from the other 3 parishes will be welcome for the celebration on 8.12.24.

d. Children's Liturgy – No start date as yet. Awaiting DBS certificates returning before the start dates are confirmed.

e. QR code – is working.

7. St Vincent's

a. Handrails to the path - Richard attended the site last week, but no further information is available with regard to the outcomes as yet.

b. Donation to Riwoto – Acknowledgement for the money has been received.

c. Commitment forms – Danny, Judy and Andrew have offered to join the PPT. Danny can return. Fr Martin will contact the others.

d. St Vincent's Feast Day 27th September – Prayer Card being looked into – Celebration Events – Flyers being sent out and advertised in the bulletin. Celebration Sunday 29.9.24 at 3:30 pm at the back of church.

e. New tie clip microphone & Service of Microphone amplifier. The handheld microphone has been causing interference and has now been disconnected, so now need to see if that helps.

f. Clearing of the shed and excess rubbish around the church. Most of the rubbish has gone to the tip. Few extra bits have still to be removed. Dennis Clarke is looking to assist with this.

g. New cheaper internet supplier – not sourced as yet, need a mobile router. Fr Martin will source. The office needs to cancel the direct debit for BT.

h. Christmas – Toy mass 1.12.24, Veronica wants to do a children's mass that day, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Christingle service – 15.12.24 Sunday pm.

i. Youth work Bramhall – Ford's Lane continuation of summer group – Youth worker available. Youth mass every 3rd Sunday at Our Lady's is currently running and open to young parishioners who wish to attend. The Diocese' Youth Mission Team has declared their availability to help when needed.

J. Churches Together £100 donation resend to Fr Martin. Fr Martin suggested we need advertise our events to Churches Together.

k. Evangelisation/Outreach – ideas for outreach. Crib outside church again this year.

8. OLATA

a. Infrared Heating – no update today.

b. Work inside the church – some repairs have been undertaken. Some of the work needs to be addressed at a more structural level as the problems will not be addressed by just painting. Drones came to evaluate the outside of the building before spending money on the inside of the church. This will be taken to the Diocesan Finance board meeting on 13.9.24. PPT agreed the Mission together money could be used for this instead of the Rose Window work.

c. Work on Presbytery – is finished.

9. Any other business / Next meeting -

a. Where the altar servers dress, could the library in that place be moved to a better position for parishioners to borrow. Potentially nearer to the back of the church. The books will need listing first.

b. Someone mentioned that the toilets should not be open while the altar servers are getting dressed - the altar servers need to move into the main sacristy once they are dressed so the toilet can be opened for the public.

c. Fr Martin is happy for more sung parts of the Mass on Sundays at OLATA's.

d. Lorraine O'Reilly is appealing for clothes and notebooks for refugees in hotels and potentially a collection box at the back of church – make this an SVP project.

e. Date of next meeting 8.11.24 Friday at St Vincent's. 7pm mass followed by PTT meeting.

10. Closing Prayer – Fr Martin