

**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes (Aylesbury) & St Anne's (Wendover)**

Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.30pm

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Fr. Livie (FL)	Our Lady of Lourdes/St Anne's	Nancy Moyo (OLOL)
Carole Paternoster (Chair) (CP)	Our Lady of Lourdes	Jaya Theodore (OLOL)
Fran Woodbridge (FW)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Jane Larkham (JL)	St Anne's	
Richard Byrne (RB)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sr. Bernadette (SB)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Clive Gallagher (CG)	St Anne's	
Michael Lowry (ML)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Mary Harding (MH)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Teody Abante (TA)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Gerrardine Goulding (GG)	Our Lady of Lourdes	

1. The meeting opened at 7.30pm with the parish prayer.
2. Apologies received - None.  
The PPC welcomed a new member – Teddy Abante, representing various prayer groups.
3. Matters arising from the previous PPC minutes  
Has there been any progress with the Parish Mission Statement? FL will ask 2/3 people to research this and input will be requested from younger parishioners.
4. Arrangements for Lent and Easter
  - St Anne's share a joint programme with other churches in Wendover.
  - Stations of the Cross will be held at OLOL at 5.30pm on Fridays during Lent. Parishioners will organise their own stations at St Anne's.
  - CG will investigate the costs involved in setting up wifi in the church/hall.
  - There will be a penitential service. Date and time to be decided.
  - New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be sought. They and current ministers will be recommissioned at the Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm in OLOL. (Volunteers for feet washing will be found).
  - At OLOL Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held at 11am and led by the First Holy Communion children, with the Good Friday service at 3pm as usual.
  - At OLOL the Easter Vigil will begin at 8.30pm. There will be adult baptisms taking place.
  - Easter Sunday Mass will be at 9am at St Anne's and at 11am at OLOL.
5. Youth of the Parish

At diocesan level the youth are served by NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Organisation) which offers a range of activities for youth and support for catechists.

A young person will be asked to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council.

A youth worker will be sought to engage with our young parishioners to develop their faith. We should tap into resources in schools, CAFOD and NYMO. CG will contact the chaplain at St Michael's.
6. Keyholders and Security

Keyholders will be asked to come forward (newsletter/direct contact) for identification and information will be collated.
7. Finance
  - We remain in a healthy position, however the diocese have advised that contributions will rise from 23% to 37%.

- The parish is urged to prioritise a list of expenses (including repairs and maintenance) to be submitted to the diocese before the end of February. Any suggestions to be emailed to FL, CG, CP.
- TA will submit a breakdown of costs for a grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes to the Finance Committee.

#### Safeguarding

A meeting has been arranged between the diocese and parish safeguarding representatives. New parish volunteers are to be made aware of the importance of DBS checks and what it involves.

#### Health & Safety

No report submitted.

#### Liturgy

Music plays an important role in the liturgy and more musicians are needed. When readings are short the Our Father will be sung. Announcements will be made at the end of Mass by a member of the parish. Parishioners will be encouraged to greet each other briefly at the start of Mass.

#### Devotions in the Parish

TA will organise Divine Mercy prayers and inform FL of the times.

Legion of Mary wish to use Our Lady's area for Sacred Heart.

### 8. Report from St Anne's

1. Wendover Free Church organised a trail of windows/gardens displaying Christmas Traditions from around the world. It started and ended at Wendover Christian Centre and was advertised in Wendover News so that all residents could participate.
2. Churches Together in Wendover produced a Christmas Card which was delivered to as many roads in Wendover as we could manage. The timings of Christmas Services were included for all denominations along with a welcome message.
3. Christmas Day morning Mass included a brief nativity at the end which included some new parishioners in the Primary and Pre-primary age groups. We had a small technical issue with live streaming but the video is still available on You Tube. We could link to this from the new St Anne's webpage within the new website.
4. Week of Christian Unity: (18 to 25 Jan) material was sent to Parishioners who have given their emails including a Zoom link for ecumenical morning prayer.
5. Management Cttee is drawing up a list of essential maintenance including a timescale and estimate of costs using current prices. This echoes information provided by the Diocese in its quinquennial reviews and anticipates expenses on a 25/10/5/3 year cycle including guttering, sloping roofs, flat roofs, car park, footpaths, lighting outside and in, windows, electrics, plumbing, decorating. This way we hope to raise relevant items with the Diocese and agree a maintenance schedule in advance hoping that nasty surprises will be eliminated.
6. We are starting the Synodal feedback process this weekend and the following two weekends with Avril Baigent leading the response at St Anne's Parish level.
7. We usually have a Churches Together response to Lent but that hasn't been discussed in advance this year.
8. We will celebrate our Platinum (60th) anniversary in May. The date of the Bishop's visit is to be confirmed as soon as possible. The Bishop has been invited to celebrate the Platinum Mass – date to be confirmed.

### 9. Sacramental Programmes

- The Confirmation course will be starting shortly, with around 20 young people aging from 12-16.
- First Holy Communion lessons are under way. One of the catechists will be invited to attend the PPC meetings.

### 10. Parish website

The new url (domain address) is pointing towards the new server. Some pages are available. It does state that the site is under development. Newsletters will be sent to Sean until access has been set up. With FL's approval RB will email all of the groups for which he has contacts and ask them to provide some details of the groups (contacts, aim etc). RB will advise:

Northampton - for the Church finder on their site

Fr. John - for his newsletters

Parish Office - for our newsletters

Update the "News section" on the existing site.

The old site will be taken down 1st Feb 2022 by myself & Fr. John.

If a Parish calendar is available these dates could be added to the website.

11. AOB

1. FL asked about a parish database. FW advised that there is one on the parish computer.
2. FL gave details about the Synod process, with listeners (from the parish) facilitating meetings after 3 Masses (30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb) to get feedback about the following 3 questions:
  - a. What does it mean to be a Catholic?
  - b. What is the church doing well? Not so well?
  - c. What are your dreams for the church?

Replies will be submitted to the diocese by 15<sup>th</sup> February.

3. There is a problem with the landline phone in the parish office/presbytery.
4. FW asked if there was any further information about CCTV installation in the church and surrounding area. An update will be provided by the Finance committee.
5. FW informed the PPC of a retreat on "Sharing your faith". Mission Northampton will host this on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb in OLOL hall.

12. The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 9.25pm.

The next meeting will be held in the church on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.