****

**St. Michael’s and St. Bernadette’s Parish Pastoral Team**

***Meeting Minutes***

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Meeting:** | Meeting |
| **Date & Time:** | 08 June 2021 (8.15pm) |
| **Location:** | Lourdes Room (StB) |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Attendees:** |  |
| Clare Barnes (CB) | Andrea Reid (AR) Vice Chair |
| Claire Coleman (CC) | Jane Reynolds (JR) Secretary |
| Laura Doyle (LD) | Sean Thorpe (ST) Chair |
| Jules Greene (JG) | Angela Still (AS) |
| Benjamin Imafidion (BI) | Liz Sheader (LS) |
| Father Steven Parkinson (FrS) | Rachael Scully (RS) |
|  |  |
| **Apologies** |  |
| Peter Purdue (PP) | Gillian Howarth (GH) |

**Minutes**

1. **Short prayer**
2. **Matters Arising**

* Mass Attendance

Mass attendance getting busier week by week but still within capacity. Action to put another message go out again in newsletter and Facebook to remind people if they can attend during the week, please do so. Also, will send out a separate letter via email to re-enforce this message bearing in mind this week’s increase in infection rate. 11am on Sunday is usually full but still within capacity.

* Working Group for Relaxing Measures

Working group came back with feedback with ways to slowly relax measures. Could have done ‘big bang’ approach but with the growing uncertain, a more measured approach was preferred.

Steps to this include:

27 June / 4 July one way system remains in place but ropes off benches. Masks still on if they feel comfortable. Communion at end of Mass and still clean after each mass.

Then 11 July pause social distancing, return communion to its original place, continue to manage the communion queue. Row by row to communion instead of the rush.

Need clarification on handshake peace, communion in both types and singing.

On 14 June may need to revisit this after PMs verdict, may have to pause or if ok move forward.

Suggested a communicates to timetable changes with the proviso that this depends on Boris’s announcement.

Next point was to expand the Stewarding role as it has been a success and we would like to get more people involved. In the spirit of accompaniment, we will look at this again after the school holidays to think about approaching other volunteers who would naturally do this.

1. **Emerging from Pandemic**

Discussion around the themes of:

* What has been lost that must stay lost
* What has been lost that must be regained
* What are we grateful for but we must now lay down
* What has been gained that should be developed

What has been lost that must stay lost

* Bureacracy of meetings, done
* Hymnals on benches, done

What has been lost that must be regained (look at this after the current hurdles are overcome)

* Music at mass
* Special masses for different groups within the community
* The social centres as hubs for our community and our groups
* What will mass be like as we emerge from lockdown with a gradual and staged relaxation of our own safety measures (not in a big bang approach). Stewards will do vox pox with parishioners who are attending mass to gather views and ideas.

What are we grateful for but we must now lay down

* Delivering newsletters, done
* Zoom meetings, done

What has been gained that should be developed (for the future)

* Keeping in touch with non mass goers (developing the newsletter to suit various different groups – eg school families, housebound etc)
* Stewarding / welcoming role developed
* Private prayer / ‘the open church’ as a non denominational space for contemplation
* Intimate First Holy Communion and family catechesis

Coffee after Mass, potentially after 27 June – would be better to do this when we can do this freely.

1. **Any Other Business** (AOB)

None raised.

**Date of Next Meeting: Sunday 18 July 2021 – proposed event at the Bishops then meal afterwards**