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

***Meeting Minutes***

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| **Meeting:** | Meeting |
| **Date & Time:** | 08 September 2021 (8.15pm) |
| **Location:** | St Bernadette’s |

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

**Minutes**

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

No new matters arising.

1. **Emerging from Pandemic**

Our steps to relaxing Covid measures were reviewed. Now ready to reinstate the Reader’s Rota and the Sign of Peace (in the form of a wave). Communion back to the middle of Mass (ushered) and open up spaces for chairs if people preferred extra space from their neighbours. Reminders to people not to congregate at doorways. Ongoing reassurances to those feeling apprensive that masks can still be worn. Cleaning regimes remain and hand sanitiser remains.

The stewarding role was acknowledged as a great benefit that has been really appreciated by many and the shift now was to build on this foundation to develop a ‘greeters’ role. There were a number of individuals who were interested in becoming involved with this.

FrS to speak with musicians to find out their thoughts on coming back.

Coffee after Mass going well (15-20 people attending) and Zoom coffee mornings will now finish. ‘Tea & Coffee Team’ growing at both St B’s and St M’s.

Catholic Womens League and RCIA are restarting meetings and the Prayer Group will be back soon. Social Centre bookings are increasing and more groups are returning. The number of Baptisms are rising and wedding bookings are also increasing.

Plan for high school young people in Years 8 & 9 to be Confirmed before Christmas. Work to push forward with the Sacramental Programme is also ongoing (ST to update next time).

FrS plans to speak with SVP to arrange a Mass for the sick and housebound (especially those who have received hand delivered Newsletters).

FrS will move morning Mass to accommodate School Masses to celebrate the children being back at school for the new term.

Formation – there was a brief discussion around the possibility of David Wells potentially speaking to the team as part of our Formation (ST to progress).

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

Team Social suggested for Sunday 19 September at Wardley Hall (3pm).

Dinner out at Italian Mia in Radcliffe (7pm).

Candidates for next year’s team membership – can all members think of anyone who could be approached to join for next year.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5 October 2021**