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

***Meeting Minutes***

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| **Meeting:** | Virtual Meeting |
| **Date & Time:** | 04 May 2021 (8.15pm) |
| **Location:** | Zoom |

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

**Minutes**

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

*Lockdown Restrictions*

FrS gave an update; after 17 May, numbers allowed at a Baptism and also weddings increase to 30. Media also suggesting that funeral limits will be raised but this will depend on the risk assessment for each building.

*Mass Attendance*

Attendance numbers getting busier at the weekend, week day masses are relatively stable. Feast Day of Ascension (13 May), potential for an extra mass on this day.

*Suggestion for Childrens Activity*

Mooted as an activity but it was felt that it is not the right time for schools, parents and children as so many challenges at the moment. Potential activity for next year’s sacramental programme.

*Potential for Sacramental Programme*

Teachers are on the rota for St. Bernadette’s stewarding at the sacramental programme masses, same would be needed for St. Michael’s. Discussions around not having a sacramental programme this year as so many challenges.

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
* Hymnals on benches

What has been lost that must be regained

* 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
* Zoom meetings

What has been gained that should be developed

* 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

**Action: Team members are invited to volunteer for a working group to identify ways in which we can phase in relaxation of safety measures and also engage with groups returning to mass.**

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

None raised.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 June 2021, 8.15pm (St Bernadette’s Social Centre)**