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

***Meeting Minutes***

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| **Meeting:** | Monthly Meeting |
| **Date & Time:** | 03 February 2022 |
| **Location:** | Lourdes Room St Bernadette’s |

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| **Attendees:** |  |
| Clare Barnes (CB) | Sean Thorpe (ST) |
| Laura Doyle (LD) Chair | Angela Still (AS) |
| Gillian Howarth (GH) | Kirsty Seaborn (KS) |
| Claire Colman (CC) | Rachel Scully (RS) |
| Father Steven Parkinson (FrS) |  |
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| **Apologies** |  |
| Jules Greene (JG) | Helen Sivills (HS) |
| Andrea Reid (AR) – Chair | Claire Colman (CC) |
| Liz Sheader (LS) |  |
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* **Short prayer**

* **Matters Arising**
* **Church attendance** - slightly up but does vary due to weather. Saturday evening varies a lot. Tuesday evening is good
* **Guidance from the Diocese** - Liturgy can go back to as it was pre Covid except Communion of both kinds. Keep ventilation. No need to clean. Holy Water back in the stoops. Sign of Peace is back. Can sing again. Can have more than one family at a Baptism.
* **Music** – No musicians back yet, can sing unaccompanied. Fr S will contact the musicians
* **Synod**
* Fr S thanks the members of the group who had sent in their answers to the questions remaining after the Synod meeting 2 weeks ago. He has also received reports from other parish groups and has sufficient to gather together a report from the parish
* **International Mass**
* Much discussion to set a suitable date, not in Lent, Penticost is the Queens Jubilee weekend – Date set for Sunday 26th June
* Readings, Bidding prayers and Hymns in different languages
* Nibbles & Drinks outside after Mass
* **Lenten Activites**
* From 2nd March
* Stations of the Cross 6.45pm before the 7.30pm Mass at St Bernadette’s
* Fridays Mass 7am at St Bernadette’s
* Fr S will talk to Sally at Whitefield to re-establish the Good Friday Walk of Witness
* Fr S will flag up the idea of Station Masses in the Deanery, possibly every other week in Lent, spread through the Deanery. Coffee etc. served after the Mass
* Lenten Reflection – Saturday morning in the either the Lourdes Room or Archangel Room, Fr St will aim to find a speaker
* **First Reconciliation** 
  + Years 3 & 4 approx. 100 children – St Michael’s Yr4 were not able to do this during Advent.
  + Possibly 10th & 16th March
* **Any Other Business**
  + Parish Team meal booked for 11 people on 11th Feb
  + ST reminded the group about the Accompaniment Event at Thornleigh College on Saturday 5th March. There are several very good speakers leading the meeting
  + Confirmation Mass for 22 Year 9 children. Will start again soon at St Monica’s with Year 8 pupils plus some Year 9 who are now showing an interest
  + Stewards Rota to be continued as before
  + Discussed possible funding of helpers or participants on the Diocese Pilgrimage – if it happens this year, and at the 2023 Lisbon Youth conference

**Date of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday 3rd March in the Lourdes Room, St Bernadettes.**

**Date of Future Regular Meetings:** **First Thursday of the month subject to School Holidays.**