

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Agenda 16th March 2023

7.15pm – 8.00pm approx.

Mission Statement

- To go out and Mission to Everyone;
- Support and Strengthen the Community;
- Prayerful and Committed to the Faith;
- Outreach to ethnic minorities;
- Outreach to key workers;
- To Nurture the young people and youth of our parish to ensure they feel valued members of our community.

Present: Fr Claro Conde, Paul Padley, Kathleen Thomas, Mike Lubienski, Aude Echaliier & Lien Mitchell.

Apologies: Lorraine Brabin, JP Crilly, Nicole Kamugisha, Helena Boakye, Darren & Vanessa Hall

1. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

Diocesan 10 Year Plan

- Fr Claro went to a clergy meeting for Area X. A summary of the meeting was sent to the Diocese but as yet there has been no reply.
- The interim plan is to leave things as they are until a planned reassignment of clergy has taken place.
- Fr Claro will circulate the summary.

Bishop's Visit

- Bishop Philip was overwhelmed with the attendance at his Pastoral Visit. We have more people than in the big churches he recently visited.
- "The church was packed for the Mass at 10 o'clock with a number of children and young families and it was striking how ethnically mixed the parish community is." (Diocesan enews, March 2023)
- Following on from this success, Fr Claro would like to integrate a lot more parishioners to our parish ministries. We give them the opportunities and responsibilities in different areas the pastoral Liturgy and missions, the maintenance and finance: from volunteers for Sunday tea & coffee, sacristy duties, Sunday collection counters, and many more.
- He is stating with tea and coffee duties as this is an easy way for new and young parishioners to interact with all parishioners in the hall.

Closer to Christ update

- Campaign still ongoing, fund building slowly.
- This is being handled by finance committee, but it was suggested that direct debit forms should be more freely available in Church every Sunday.

Evangelisation

- GK Chesterton talk went well with good attendance.
- Next talk is by Tony Hadland about the History of Catholics in Buckland Through the Era of Persecution, Sjoerd will talk on Hydrogen and Paul will talk on Fixing the Food System.
- The Warm spaces initiative has finished but has developed into a breakfast before Mass on Sundays between 8.30 and 9.15am.
- The Friday lunch will continue until the end of March.

- Cafod fundraising cake sale still in the plans. Kathleen to look at dates when there is a Saturday market in Faringdon to ensure that we have it on a busy day.

Youth Matters

- Tianie is now helping with the Children's liturgy and will be planning to lead a session after Easter.
- Kathleen to check with Mary Hughes if there is anything we need to do with Tianie regarding safeguarding and DBS checks.
- Fr Claro will commission Tianie into her Ministry after Easter.
- Kathleen to ask other youth members if they would like to get involved with the Children's Liturgy.

AOB

Holy week

Paul, Fr Claro and Denise will have a planning meeting to arrange the schedule for the Triduum.

Young Families

- Fr Claro suggested that Aude, Mike and JP get together to organise a group for young families. They could help each other to organise Baptisms etc or give practical help e.g. a baby sitting circle.
- It was agreed that young families should feel welcome and comfortable in Mass and that they know that they are free to use the hall or the crying room if their baby is upset.
- It would also be useful to gather feedback on what else we can do to facilitate young families during Mass.

Churches Together

- There will be a joint procession on Palm Sunday from the United Reform Church to the marketplace then people will go off to their different Sunday services.
- Churches together have asked for Blessed Hugh to help with their summer activity club. Paul will get some more details before asking for volunteers.

New PPC Volunteers

- Mike and Aude found it very useful to get an insight into how the Parish is organised and are keen to help.
- Lien keen to help where she can, she will be going on the Tea and Coffee rota.

Actions

Action	Person Responsible
Share summary of Clergy Area X meeting.	Fr Claro
Print off some more Direct Debit forms for Closer to Christ	Andrew
Set up a Young Families group	JP, Aude and Michael
Look at dates when there is a Saturday market in Faringdon to ensure that we have it on a busy day.	Kathleen
Check with Mary Hughes if there is anything we need to do with Tianie regarding safeguarding and DBS checks.	Kathleen
Arrange a planning meeting to organise the schedule for the Triduum.	Paul
Get some more details on Churches Together Holiday Club	Paul

Closing prayer

Next meeting date to be arranged