

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 20th April 2026

8.30 pm – 9.30pm

Vanessa – Chair

Kathleen – Minutes

Attending: Vanessa, Darren, JP, Kathleen, Ann O'Reilly, Nicole, Wilbroad, Lorraine, Fr Claro

AGENDA:

- **Social Media Update – Karen**

A discussion on content and different platforms to post on. In summary Karen feels that we need to find a way to link our Facebook page to a new Instagram page so that posts will automatically be on both platforms. We need content and news from all church groups. E.g. Videos of testimonials from RCIA and Confirmation candidates or posters/post with news about what is going on in other groups. **ACTION:** Karen will meet up with Neil to look into setting up a new Instagram page that can be linked with our current Facebook page and once sorted, she will put a notice in the Newsletter giving parishioners details on where to send material for social media to.

- **Update with regards Noticeboard Actions – JP Ongoing**
- **Youth group update -Helena & Nicole**

Nicole updated us. Helena and Nicole have recently had a meeting with other Churches in Faringdon to organise a Pentecost Party for all Faringdon youth. It will be in the Baptist Church on 22nd May after school which is on the last day of term. They are going to prepare a Faringdon Youth prayer and it will be translated and said in all of the languages that the Youth use, so far they have 7 or 8 languages. A discussion followed about the possibility of meeting up with other Catholic youth from our larger pastoral area in Oxford once or twice a year. Still meeting once a fortnight and kids are inviting their friends from school. There were 17 attendees at the last meeting. Watch this space.

- **Welcome Group Update – Vanessa**

All going well, youth are very enthusiastic about gathering in the hymn books. It was suggested that they hold back for a little while before gathering them in to allow some of the parishioners to clear from the porch. Vanessa said that we need to remember to remember to ensure that we have welcomers for Holy days and it would be good for the welcomers to have a quick meeting with Fr Claro to ensure that they know if there is anything different that they need to do.

- **Children's Liturgy Update – Kathleen**

New Rota drawn up and volunteers are usually involved 3 times per school term which isn't too arduous. We have 7 volunteers but will work with 6 until end of academic year as one member is unwell. We are using Welcome to the Word as a base to build on. The diocese is advertising a very good online course in May on 3 Saturday mornings, and we are encouraging all catechists to attend. <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join> Kathleen has advertised the course in the Newsletter and in the First Communion and Children's Liturgy WhatsApp group and will announce it in

Mass on Sunday, **Action Kathleen**. Numbers in the group was also discussed, numbers are high with a wide age range, the conclusion was that we would speak to some of the older members of the group to see if they would be willing to train as altar servers as we may be left with only one in September and also to run the idea past the older kids that they are probably ready to stay in the Church for the full Mass. **Action Kathleen**. Failing that there may be a case for a second group for older kids.

- **First Communion Update – Kathleen**

Communion group is well attended and the kids are engaged but some of the parents don't understand their responsibility to accompany their kids on their journey. We will continue to stress that this is their responsibility.

- **Young Families Update – JP**. Some events will be planned in the future when the weather is better.
- **RCIA News – Father Claro**

JP is meeting with Peter Star to coordinate RCIA meetings and Evening talks to develop a programme for adult catechesis. More RCIA evening sessions to follow soon.

- **Formation (Retreat update) – Lorraine**

After initially agreeing to run the retreat, Fr Liam has not responded to subsequent emails. Fr Claro suggested that we approach the newly ordained Carmelites, Jon Bosco and Emmanuel. **Actions Fr Claro** will invite them to Church and **Lorraine** will approach them about a retreat when they are here.

- Evangelisation (Ananias Training update) – Kathleen

The course is quite expensive but there may be a possibility of doing it as a pastoral area. In the meantime we can watch the videos of the Diocese website made by the Bishop on accompaniment. **Action all PPC members** to watch these two videos on accompaniment, links below.

<https://youtu.be/6DWydEyHNEU?si=EERu6cw7ntFX8q7p>

<https://youtu.be/3LtN2lhFLt8?si=WVKW6iXUtB74YWrS>

- **Lift Rotas – Kathleen**

Kathleen and JP will share on taking John Bailey to Mass.

- **Pentecost 24th May** (Shared lunch / Try to encourage people to join other ministries) – Father Claro. The Costa family will take care of the kitchen and parishioners will bring food. Volunteers for set up are needed. Coupled with the shared lunch there will be a little fare/recruitment drive in the patio with representatives from each ministry advertising what they do.
- **Action Kathleen** to contact each ministry for ideas/volunteers and make some flyers for the day.
- AOB - All

REMINDER NOTE: Gathering parishioners and getting them involved in Church life. PPC need to circulate in the hall after Mass and make sure people are encouraged to get involved.

Fr Claro closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meetings: 18th May Chair: Kathleen , Minutes: Darren 8.30 Zoom
15th June: Chair: Lorraine. Minutes: Ann 8.30 Zoom
20th July : Chair JP. Minutes :Willboard Kathleen's at 6.00