

St Mary's and St Paul's Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

22 August 2024

Present: Fr O'Brien, Rita Clark (Chair), Justine Docherty, Ronnie Boyd, Helen Giusti, Agnes O'Donnell (Secretary)

Apologies: Lisa Pearson

Review of Session 2023/24

Work undertaken by the Pastoral Parish Council on behalf of the parish

- Integration of St Mary's and St Paul's churches
- Wellspring meeting held
- Lent and Advent reflection groups lead by Ronnie Boyd
- Parish Mission statement agreed
- Mass booklets introduced
- Defibrillator installed and training delivered. 16 parishioners attended. Refresher training planned for Spring 2025
- Coffee mornings run by PPC. January event raised £160 for the Foodbank. May event raised £225 for SPUC
- Gift aid promoted resulting in an increase in the numbers signing up
- Handrail installed at the side entrance to the church
- Improved lighting in the car park
- Bulb on altar last supper scene replaced
- Notice Board at back of church displaying PPC members and the latest minutes

Items carried forward to session 2024/25

- Original Baptismal Font. Stonemason to be contacted as some restoration work is required. Ormsby of Scarisbrick currently undergoing a business reorganisation so will be in touch when new structure is in place.
- Carpet in choir loft to be repaired
- Church Garden door. To replace existing oak door with like for like is prohibitively expensive. Alternatives currently being explored
- SVDP. Ways to support the organisation in the future to be followed up

Coffee Mornings

- 6th of October. St Mary's Primary School P1 welcome mass.
- 22nd of September Fairtrade. Any bakers and/or volunteers to help would be made welcome. Money raised will go to the Foodbank
- PPC (to be confirmed)

Communication

- “Being Catholic TV” to be explored to its potential way of spreading the word of God within the parish

Jubilee Year 2025

- Ideas for marking the Jubilee year within the parish to be discussed at a future meeting

Developing the Wellspring Project within St Mary’s and St Paul’s

- We have received a letter from a parishioner offering her assistance and with proposals for promoting youth engagement within the parish and we have invited her to the next meeting
- Call to go out to increase the number of readers at all masses

Parish Council Box

- Will remain at the back of the church for comments/suggestions. Alternatively email ppc1846@hotmail.com

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 25nd of September 2024 7pm

St Mary’s and St Paul’s Mission Statement

Our parish of St Mary’s and St Paul’s Hamilton is a community of faith where priest and people seek to work together to build up a life-giving Christian community that is characterised by prayer, hospitality and mission.

In the spirit of Wellspring we seek to be a welcoming, nurturing, inclusive and caring parish that gathers together at the Eucharist to celebrate Christ’s presence among us and, with his help and strength, to continue in loving and compassionate service to others, especially those most in need.