

Minutes of the PPC Meeting

Wednesday 28th May 2025 at English Martyrs, Didcot

In Attendance

Fr Dominic, Edwin Samu, Camilla King, Cecilia Wheeler, Sue Hunt, Anne-Marie Bromley, Brian Doyle

Apologies

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matter arising

Windows at St Johns – The proposal for new windows was recently turned down following the Quinquennial review, however repairs of the frames can take place as they are rotting. This is being referred back to the Finance Committee.

Father Dominic has a meeting with the Diocese on 29th May to discuss Finances further

Lights at St Johns – There was a request for improved lighting at the rear of Saint Johns. (Follow up after meeting: There is lighting, but it is on a timer. This will be looked at by Noel Clifford)

Readers Day

The first of these had been held and been well received by those taking part, though there were fewer of the younger readers in attendance than might have been hoped for. We have a great many talented readers among our younger parishioners and we hope to encourage them in this important ministry.

A second Readers Day, aligned more closely with our younger readers is to be organised.

Palm Sunday

Being able to carry out a proper procession into the Church at both Parishes was felt to have been a great success.

Sign Off of Minutes

Sue Hunt proposed the Minutes of the previous meeting could now be agreed and signed off. Seconded by Camilla King. Agreed by all other PPC members.

Other Business

Pentecost

It was proposed that both Churches, as in previous years, have the Bidding Prayers in multiple languages, encourage the wearing of national dress or bright colours, and have a social event after Mass to celebrate this joyous occasion within the Church's year.

Called and Gifted

Nicola Williams (?) is keen to run the Called and Gifted program. More details will be forthcoming.

The Direction of the PPC

It was felt that, in light of recent changes within the diocese, and the shift of focus towards English Martyrs in particular, the role of the PPC might benefit from reassessment.

At present the PPC approves upkeep for the properties involved in English Martyrs and Saint Johns, social events and the like, which are relevant roles.

However, the new Hub status English Martyrs means that we will have more requirements made of us and we need to streamline the way we do things, as well as extending the reach of our resources.

Our Pastoral needs extend to areas including:

- Catechists
- Pilgrimage Planners
- Sacristans
- Cleaners
- Flower arrangers
- Those who can assist with local events

We need to actively poll our parishioners to assess their skills and talents, so we can be better aware of our, as yet untapped, resources.

The PPC should be looking at it's role in relation to supporting the Pastoral / Liturgical / Social / Financial and Charitable aims of the Parish.

Invitations

It was seen as a good idea to have an open invitation from the major Streams, to keep the PPC apprised of plans, and to offer such support as we can.

Brian MacNamee – Finance

Carolyn Fishwick – Formation

Judith – Evangelisation

Next Meeting

This will take place at 7:30, on 22nd July, in St Johns