

St Vincent's Parish Council

"The parish council works with the priest to serve the people"

Meeting minutes 22 May 2024

Present: Russell Brynes (Chair), Catherine Evans, Louise Heaton, Cath Livingston, Maria Mawson (Minutes), Lizanne Rana, Dominic Rice, Theresa Rice, Dominic Simon, Fr. Walsh.

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies: None

3. Actions & matters arising from the 24 April meeting not covered by the agenda

Dona machine.

The work on a wired connection has not yet been done but is in hand.

CL raised a question from the St Justin's group about having multiple links for different fundraising activities and Fr. Walsh confirmed that this is possible.

Year of Prayer 2024 and Jubilee 2025

- ⑩ A National Eucharistic Congress will take place this year at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott to support preparations for the Jubilee Year. An Adoremus event is to be held on Saturday 14th September 2024, and Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will take place in parishes on Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th September. The intention is to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion. Every diocese has been invited to send representatives to the Adoremus event and a limited number of places are available for the Deanery that St. Vincent's belongs to. An individual who may be interested was suggested, and Fr. Walsh will approach them to find out if they are available. **Action: Fr Walsh**
- ⑩ CL shared a short paper on the Year of Prayer with suggestions for activities that could be undertaken by the Parish to prepare for the Jubilee. This includes activities relating to adoration, the Eucharist, liturgy of the hours, Laudato Si (Season of Creation) and pilgrimage. The paper was warmly received by the Council, and agreed that it should be used as a basis to invite feedback from the parish to help set priorities or make new suggestions, also to ask for volunteers to lead or support activities. CL agreed to produce a version suitable for sharing with parishioners and also to prepare some information for the bulletin. **Action: CL**

One suggestion was for the parish to pray for parishioners attending the Lourdes pilgrimage, and for those on the pilgrimage to offer up intentions from parishioners at the Blessed Grotto in Lourdes. As the pilgrimage starts on 28 June, this needs to be included in the bulletin as soon as possible. **Action: CL/Fr. Walsh**

4. The Mass

Live streaming services.

This will not be possible until the work on the wired connection is done.

5. The Church

Deacons

LH has not yet had time to send ideas to Fr. Walsh for a bulletin article aimed at reaching potential candidates, but still intends to do so. **Action: LH**

Out of date documents on the website

The out of date documents previously identified have now been removed from the website. It was pointed out that Google searches still display some personal information, and this is most likely as a result of previous indexing. It is possible for individuals to contact Google to request removal of such results by clicking on the 3 vertical dots next to the search result, and following the link for "Remove Result". Further information is available from <https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/12719076?hl=en&sjid=8505595527072472587-EU>

Website accessibility

The Council has been asked to consider whether the website meets accessibility guidelines. It was agreed that this should be looked into, and Fr. Walsh will speak to people that may be able to help. LH also offered to speak to a colleague who has expertise in this area. **Action: Fr Walsh/LH**

Diocesan statistical analysis and questions

Feedback received will be discussed at a Deanery meeting on 18 June, and a summary of feedback from all parishes in the Deanery will be shared in due course. **Action: Fr. Walsh**

Disability questionnaire from the diocese

CL confirmed that this has now been circulated to all parishes, and a link has been shared on the parish WhatsApp group. It was agreed that printed copies should also be made available, and Fr. Walsh will ensure that it is circulated appropriately and mentioned in the bulletin. **Action: Fr. Walsh**

6. Building the Community

Parish social.

CL had discussed the idea of a zeros party with some parishioners but didn't get much interest. However, an international food event, similar to one run at St Marie's had been suggested. This could tie in with the idea of a shared parish thanksgiving meal to celebrate the Season of Creation in the autumn. It was agreed that this would be something that the parish would be interested in. A call for volunteers to prepare food and help organise will be needed. Actions: ???

7. Parish Council

Terms of Reference

http://www.stvincentschurch.com/uploads/4/2/5/8/42588219/st__vincent_terms_of_reference_for_pastoral_council.pdf Various amendments were discussed, and DR agreed to prepare a new draft for consideration. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to DR. **Action: DR**

8. Children and young people

No items for discussion

9. Live Simply updates

No items for discussion

10. Safeguarding

No items for discussion

11. Any other business

New Lectionary

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The new lectionary is to be used from the first Sunday of Advent 2024, and Fr Walsh will be ordering a copy for St. Vincent's. New Missals for personal use will be available from the Catholic Truth Society. Further information is available from <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/>

Items left in the kitchen

items are often left after parties, baptisms etc. Although people probably think they are being helpful, many things can't be used, and are not in keeping with parish fair trade principles. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action: MM to include on agenda.

Car park

CL mentioned that there have been some instances of inconsiderate parking recently. It was agreed that there should be a notice in the bulletin reminding parishioners to park in marked bays only, and to park on adjoining streets if all bays are full. **Action: Fr Walsh**

Dates for next meetings

19 June, 4 September. 7pm. It wasn't possible to find a suitable date in July so it was agreed that the Council will not meet in July or August.