

Notes of St Joseph & the English Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council
Monday, 31st July 2023 at 7.30pm at WCC

Present: Fr Peter, Fr Antonio, Martin Dillon, Alison Jones, Tim Mills, Marie Rhodes, John Tomkinson
Apologies : Bertie Napier

Church Maintenance

Fr Peter noted that there were many ongoing maintenance issues across all three churches which taken time and can prove problematic such as the transfer of the gas meter at SBW due to the non-attendance of the gas engineers as promised. H&S checks are also demanding due to increased legislation. Church

Finance

Fr Peter highlighted the skill, competence and dedication of Mike Carroll and Martin Curran in the demanding task of managing our parish finances. Regular finance meetings are held and they attended the Diocese Conference to keep abreast of latest requirements. Planned Giving appeal in Spring 2024 will target new families who have moved into parish over the last few years but also offer the opportunity to review current arrangements in light of cost of living constraints.

WCC

Fr Peter advised that due to inclement weather the gutter work planned was unable to take place but will be completed in future. Catholic Mutual will visit given the ongoing need to resolve liability regarding the plate glass.

GDPR – legitimate interest

This matter is being pursued via the Diocese with Tim Mills kindly assuming responsibility for GDPR for SJPBS.

CARITAS Initiatives – support for our Parish

The Diocesan annual review of CARITAS had been previously circulated to attendees to inform them of the scope of CARITAS initiatives with consideration to be given to how they might impact our parish. Discussion took place on the range of content ie sign language masses, Love in Action etc

[Caritas Westminster Annual Review 2022 by RCWestminster - Issuu](#)

Reader training: As previously suggested to meet on 7.9.23 to review a guidance sheet for readers, discuss training needs and consider content/management of rota.

Communion under both kinds – would be reviewed again in September.

Bidding Prayers: given the lengthy list of names of the sick/anniversaries suggested these could instead be listed on an expanded newsletter.