

Minutes of St Joseph & the English Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm at WCC

Present: Fr Peter, Marie Rhodes, Bertie Napier, Alison Jones

Apologies : Fr Antonio, Martin Dillon

Volunteering

25+ responses had been collated and would be acknowledged and passed on/actioned as appropriate. Hoped might provide an opportunity to reinvigorate Parish post Covid and re-establish community through welcomers, social events, groups etc

Masses

Suggested a guidance sheet for readers be prepared to unify approach until training arranged. Noted that sometimes readers clear/heard on streaming but not within church – may be issue with microphone or solely one speaker. Communion under one kind to continue in foreseeable future.

PPC

Thanks noted to Vincent Micallef following his resignation and in due course wider membership and better reflect the parish which continues to change and diversify would be sought.

WCC

It was noted PA system being revised ie old stripped out and updated, simpler system installed to ease use.

Ongoing issues with flooring lifting being monitored. Issues with windows also being pursued through insurers and alternative suppliers. .

Parish diversity/changes

Clearly evident that the parish mix has changed considerably over the last few years but also significantly in the last 12 months and that greater diversity is welcomed. SJBS numbers continue to grow with large numbers in all sacramental programmes

FrP managing demands of busier parish role together with responsibilities related to St Francis Academy Trust, deanery, mentoring assistant etc etc and planning strategy for parish given not too distant retirement.