

CHRIST THE KING PARISH SUPPORT GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6PM ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022

PRESENT: Fr Louis Maggiore, Deacon Tony Hunt, Chris Hunt, Jane Hilton, Catherine Hannigan, Kevin Hannigan Margaret Evens, Dave Stewart, Tricia Boden, Claire Connor, Anne Gay, Eddy Morris, Chris Raymond, John O'Neill, Barbara Mercer, Brenda Frodsham, Nora Sim, Cath Hesketh, Margaret Godwin, Pauline Whitehead, Camilla Moulton, Tricia Rendel, Veronica Rossi, Jeanette Cutts & Tricia

APOLOGIES: Brian O'Connell, Angela Swift, Rob Smith, Becky Long, Tony Edge, Bernie Birch

Fr Louis opened the meeting with a prayer and handed over to Deacon Tony to Chair the meeting and give an update and overview of the purpose of the formation of this group.

Deacon Tony made the following points and explained in some detail the anticipated benefits of a parish support group.

All the ministries of the parish will have a single platform to come together. This should help to progress the growth and development of the parish where ministries can become more connected. This can also enhance the importance of communication.

Being able to collaborate across the many ministries will help things to run smoothly as our ministries are often interlinked.

It is important that each group continues to organise themselves, but then feeds into the Parish Support Group via their representative any information that may be useful to other ministries or any needs or assistance they may require from another ministry.

During a recent visit to the parish, Bishop Mark was updated as to the life of the parish. He was very supportive of the ideas to further the mission and evangelisation here at Christ the King.

We hope to hold a further meeting of this group in the Autumn, please forward items you would like to put forward for the agenda in good time for inclusion.

The primary and main resource for communication is the Weekly Parish Bulletin/Newsletter. It is helpful for representatives of each of the ministries to be known to each other and able to communicate with each other.

By our baptism we are called to minister, and it is important that we do not drift, but remain unashamedly 'Catholic' in our all ministry, using all our resources for Mission & Evangelisation, hence the hall improvements and technology upgrades.

A general and full discussion then took place:

Claire Connor our parish Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Representative asked that each Ministry's Lead/Representative, please take the time to check that all those involved in their ministry that require a DBS Certificate have begun the application process with her, as many are in need of renewing.

Veronica Rossi (Representative 'Young at Heart.') Expressed doubt as to the likelihood that this forum would succeed as it had been tried in the past. Fr Louis and Deacon Tony expressed the view that with the right people, approach, and dedication there is no reason as to why such a forum should not be beneficial to the life of the parish.

A discussion regarding finances included a request that not only the plate collection amount be recorded in the newsletter but also the standing orders. Fr Louis stated he was pleased to see an increase recently in the weekly collection. Ring fencing certain funds and the Outreach and Trips/Social accounts were discussed, a Finance Group meeting is due very soon.

Action: Standing Orders amount from the Finance Group & Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter

Clarity regarding what is happening in/to the Parish Hall was asked for. Fr Louis explained that it was in need of some TLC to improve its appearance, use and appeal:

The removal of the stage will provide some necessary storage space, some new window blinds and a full re-paint are in the plans. John O'Neil and a group of willing helpers have begun cleaning the ceiling tiles which show a marked improvement. The bar area will be restored in order to facilitate the serving of refreshments.

Some new furniture, such as tables and possibly chairs will also be required.

It is hoped that the kitchen oven can be improved, and a Hot Water Geyser and dishwasher installed in the bar area which clearly needs some attention. Our Mission Together funding for phase one of the Parish Hall works has been applied for, £26K has already been spent in the parish (church redecoration, audio system, etc.). There are some structural issues (flat roof) that need addressing too. Alex (secretary) is working with the diocese on licenses and hire agreements for use of the hall for functions, parties etc.

Costs for groups using our hall will need to be reviewed as our own expenses are greatly increased.

Following fears expressed, Fr Louis reiterated that the hall would 'most certainly not become part of the Diocesan Clubs PLC' but on occasions a "one off Bar License" may be applied for.

A point was raised concerning the steep nature of the stairs leading to the choir loft. It was agreed that this matter would be looked at but there is no guarantee of an easy solution. **Action: Fr Louis & Health & Safety**

Kevin Hannigan raised a point concerning the 'Parish Outreach' and its management and association with the SVP. There was a full discussion regarding this ministry and an update was provided by Fr Louis and Deacon Tony concerning the day-to-day management and distribution of funds.

Regular updates are also provided via the parish bulletin.

It was highlighted that needs are inevitably going to increase towards the Autumn and Winter with expected energy price rises. The support of the SVP and individual parishioners is greatly valued. This ministry puts CTK and the Catholic Church at the front end helping the neediest in our parish/community. The foodbank is perhaps not open to all those who are struggling as they will understandably have their own criteria. Fr Louis pointed out that callers visit the presbytery at all hours of the night and day looking for assistance, this ministry allows him the opportunity to offer immediate assistance.

The group was assured by Deacon Tony that we aim to be more 'joined up' through referrals, but the school and the parish must abide by the General Data Protection Regulations, which means we can only ask individuals/families to contact us, offering them our details. They must also give their permission for their details to be given to us or any other agency.

The clergy stated that they are happy to attend the occasional SVP meeting but would like to empower the SVP in their own ministry and for them to lead and then bring any concerns to them or to these meetings.

Fr Louis and Deacon Tony expressed their desire to support and enable all ministries across the parish and to engage as many of the faithful as possible. (It was pointed out that due to the varying demands of parish life it is not possible or desirable for the clergy to attend all meetings or to run every ministry)

There was a general agreement that progress can be made in the formation of our Parish Support Group. A date will be set for the next meeting which will be due to take place around October of this year.

All present indicated a willingness for their names and where appropriate their contact details to be advertised within the parish.

Fr Louis concluded the meeting with a prayer.

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP	CURRENT AS OF 1ST AUGUST 2022	
MINISTRY	TEAM LEAD 1	TEAM LEAD 2
CLERGY	Fr Louis	
CLERGY	Deacon Tony	
CONFIRMATION	Camilla Moulton	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY	Chris Hunt	
READERS	Jane Hilton	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Debbie Ryan	
SVP	Dave Stewart	Tricia Boden
CHOIR/ MUSIC MINISTRY	Judith Ferrante	Catherine Hannigan
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Margaret Evens	
WELCOME & COLLECTION	(Brian O'Connell)	
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Becky Long	
ALTAR SERVING & SACRISTY	Eddy Morris	
GENERAL PARISH	Brian O'Connell	
FLOWERS	Val Brown	Pauline Whitehead
PARISH HALL	Chris Raymond	John O'Neill
SAFEGUARDING & DBS	Clare Connor	
PARISH OFFICE	Alex Gallagher	Kay Hunt
FINANCE	Brenda Frodsham	
SHOE BOX APPEAL/CRAFT	Cath Hesketh	
LADIES GROUP	Barbara Mercer	Nora Sims
SCHOOL LINK	Lyndsey Barker	
MONDANIANS	Kevin Hannigan	
YOUTH CLUB & MINISTRY	Rob Smith	
SCOUTS	Tony Edge	Bernie Birch
YOUNG AT HEART 55yrs+	Angela Swift	Margaret Godwin
SOCIAL LIFE OF THE PARISH		