

Minutes of Combined Groups of Walking Together

30th January 2025, 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall

Present: Liz Mottram LM (Chair), Gill Parker GP, David Tye DT, Margaret Dimambro MD, Claire Walsh CW, Veronica Drumgoole VMD, Anne Elson AE, Jonathan Holden JH, Martin Foley MF, Anna Godwin AG

Apologies: Jenny & Paul Hayden, Larry Connor, Mary Holden, Jenny Armstrong

The meeting opened with the Synod prayer and the Epistle of the day.

Matters Arising from Minutes of 17th October 2024

(numbers in brackets refer to actions list in the Walking Together Phase 2 report)

(40) AE has actioned more inclusive language for the Come & Play group (not just for Mothers), Red folders have been updated.

Mary Holden has shared "Welcoming Parishioners attending Mass" document with some welcomers and proposes to hold a meeting of welcomers and devise a training course.

It had been noticed that the sound quality had improved in the microphone & loop system at St Peter's.

(29) Retreat for people with intellectual disabilities took place on 19th Nov 2024. A Joint deanery Advent service took place at OL's, but no Day Retreat.

(30) The Chosen experienced IT and issues related to the absence of key personnel and were poorly attended – further meetings have been suspended.

(42) Helping non- or lapsed Catholics at funerals: very mixed response from the meeting about the notion of using a commentator to explain what's and why's in the Mass, the practicalities and need for considerable training for such a role. Need to ask Fr S about this. The layout of OL's makes it easier for regular parishioners to 'model' appropriate sitting standing etc. than at St P.

The minutes of 17th October were agreed

Matters arising from other meetings – Walking Together Team and CPC

Minutes of WT Team 16/1/25 had been circulated, containing some discussion of the CPC minutes.

Martin Foley, in attendance as the Chair of newly formed CPC, pointed out that the Council is still evolving. An open Parish meeting is planned for 1st June. The CPC minutes will be available for all to see in the red folders in each Church and on the Catholic Leamington Website.

Planning of Lenten Study Group

Most of those present had looked at materials available online YouTube etc.

- Diocese of Albany USA - Power of One Hour
- Liturgical Institute USA – Elements of the Mass (generally considered too liturgical)
- Archbishop Coleridge Australia – God's People/the Mass Series

The majority favoured the Albany series as being more visually appealing and using a variety of different speakers.

It consists of 5 sections- Mass Preparation, Introductory Rites, The Word, The Eucharist, and Concluding Rites.

Use of St J's Hall proposed - only available Thursdays evenings

To run for 5 weeks on Thursdays at 7.30pm, after 7pm Mass, 13th March - 10th April, and to be called "Getting More out of the Mass".

Technical support needed **LM** to ask Paul Hayden. Need for Laptop, screen and projector - we believe St P has portable projector.

VMD to ask Father David about financial contributions towards the Hall. *[Fr David has said that no contribution will be needed as this is a church activity]*

VMD, GP, CW, JH, MD & AG to meet 3rd Feb to view materials and plan in more detail – it needs to be interactive so that everyone can engage.

To be advertised in the Newsletters, Extra, Facebook, Father Stephen. **LM**

MF suggests we need to find ways of using Social Media to promote our Faith Activities, so for example someone Searching 'Leamington Catholic Schools' would get a Pop up advertising forthcoming course. This is a more effective way of reaching a younger audience in particular.

AOB

St Peters Children's Liturgy to start on 1st Sunday of Lent

Some discussion of a fundraising drive for OL roof repair took place. LM will pass on the ideas raised to Fr Stephen.

8.52pm Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer