

**Parish of St Francis, Ascot
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
24th September 2019**

MINUTES

Present:	Father Kevin	(FrK)
	Sue Roche	(SR)
	Philip MacDonald	(PMcD/Chair)
	Tony Berkeley	(TB)
	Kate Camp	(KC)
	Tom Cornish	(TC)
	Erin Conte	(EC)
	Paul Worthington	(PW)

Apologies: Jonathan Kasinski

1. **Gospel reading:** FrK opened the meeting with the Gospel reading for Sunday, continuing the theme of indifference to the needy and the self-indulgence of those with plenty. This highlights the importance of openness to the world and people around you.

2. **Minutes:** PMcD noted that at the next meeting we would address the issue of help/practical support around bereavement. Also, the agenda will cover the Bishop's focus for 2020 on the year of the Bible.

3. **Parish Priest's report:** following the quieter summer period, FrK is looking ahead to the feast of the Holy Souls and then onto Christmas. Fr Kevin was keen to have the two Masses on Christmas Day, as last year, though an organist/pianist for the second Mass would be helpful.

He reported on a successful meeting with the Bishop over the summer along with a small group of clergy, giving the opportunity for one-to-one discussion and exchange of ideas.

4. **Anniversary celebrations:** PMcD recorded his thanks to the organising sub-committee. SR updated the council on preparations for the weekend of events.
 - a. **PMcD** to buy an additional white wine box. Council members encouraged to bring a spare bottle or so to have in reserve on the Friday evening.

- b. Set-up on Friday from 4.30pm – additional help welcome. Likewise for clearing up at the end
- c. **PMcD** to co ordinate the Saturday evening event; introduce the film, check licence requirements, check equipment etc. **TC** to cover refreshments for this event.
- d. Budget of £200-300 confirmed for flowers across the weekend
- e. 15th Oct Meet the Bishop: **UCM** to provide refreshments. Readings for the Liturgy to correspond with themes from the window of pilgrimage, Our Lady of Walsingham, reconciliation and peace. **PMcD** to greet special guests to this event. **SR** to follow up on generating publicity in local press. **TC** suggested Hannah Wyles might be willing to photograph the event.
- f. It was suggested that it would be good to update the history of the parish, which could form a project for this Anniversary year

5. Next meeting. November 19th 2019.

The meeting closed with a Prayer.