



**St. Marie's Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
In Cathedral House at 7:45pm

**Present:**

Niall Corroon  
Leandro Martins  
Fr. Christopher Posluszny  
John Rodgers  
Eileen Maher  
Hugo Teruzzi  
Tricia Hall  
Josip Korbar

**Apologies:**

Candida Calvert  
Steve O'Hara  
Moya O'Hara

**Guests:**

Hugh Finnigan  
Audrey Lorion  
Margaret Helliwell

**Opening Prayer:** Kindly led by Josip Korbar. The chair (Leandro Martins) warmly welcomed all PPC members and guests to the meeting.

**1. Holy Week and Easter 2017 - Review**

Overall, the Holy Week and Easter celebrations at the cathedral were successful. Many of the masses/services saw an increase in attendance from the previous year. Attendance at the Holy Week talks was also somewhat increased from the previous year, with the added benefit of having Shalom Media filming the talks, to be published hopefully within the next few weeks.

However, there were some points where the running of Holy Week could be reviewed. The Palm Sunday service of witness unfortunately clashed with the Yorkshire Half Marathon, which finished in Sheffield City Centre. Hopefully, this clash will not occur again. For the Palm Sunday mass itself, there was some perceived confusion between the versions of the Passion read by different sets of readers. It seemed that, for at least one of the masses, the Jerusalem Bible version of the passion was in the folders, when readers had been practising from the NRV version. Tricia and Fr. Chris have agreed to rectify this issue prior to the reading of the passion next year.

On Holy Thursday, there was a disorganised rush to have 12 volunteers for the washing of feet, indicating that there needs to be more effort made during the preceding weeks to obtain the right numbers. This also applies to those carrying of the canopy during the Holy

Thursday mass; it was noted that the canopy made quite a lot of noise which was distracting for many. Tricia Hall has very kindly agreed to be involved in this process for the next year. One additional small note for review on the Holy Thursday mass, was that †Ralph had a prayer missing in his booklet, which created some confusion. Hugh Finnigan also noted that the cathedral was too dark for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, such that members of the congregation struggled to read the lyrics of the Tantum Ergo.

On Good Friday, the leaflet sent out on the PPC database incorrectly labelled the service as a 'mass'. The biggest problem with that service, was the shortage of communion hosts for the number of people who went to take communion. This created a lot of frustration for those serving communion, with the Bishop and others having to break individual hosts into tiny fragments to accommodate the large number of people attending for communion. It was discussed that the source of this could be largely due to the fact that communion was stewarded (similar to the veneration of the cross) – Fr. Chris made the point that going to receive communion was a voluntary activity and that taking members of the congregation out on a bench-by-bench process was expecting them to go to receive communion, which is not in keeping with the ethos of receiving communion.

The mass of Holy Saturday went well, despite the potential for complications – the only criticism was the time it took for people to process inside the church at the start. However, it was noted that this was essentially unavoidable.

**ACTION:** As above – Tricia Hall to take on responsibilities for next year, regarding preparation especially for Holy Thursday. Eileen Maher has kindly offered to assist with this. Stewards noted to *not* steward communion on Good Friday.

## **2. Parish Evangelisation**

The PPC was pleased to welcome Audrey Lorion, who was present to talk about parish evangelisation. The Holy Week talks, which focused on the theme of evangelisation, were perceived to be the start of an 'Evangelisation Project', where the parish could engage in numerous actions to bring people into the faith. Deacon Andrew Crowley is involved in this process.

Numerous suggestions for the parish were provided, but above all the need for a group to spearhead this initiative was explored. A useful booklet from Southwark Diocese was produced on evangelisation, which can guide the actions of this spearheading group.

Hugo Teruzzi suggested that we can organise some dates for Deacon Andrew to visit, and talk about evangelisation, addressing many of the various groups and organisations within St. Marie's parish. With the wealth of experience between these groups, the generation of ideas could create a useful 'melting pot' set to achieve good results, although the fruits of these may take some time to achieve.

**ACTION:** Audrey Lorion and Hugo Teruzzi are to explore possibilities with Deacon Andrew.

### **3. Organ Restoration**

A committee has been formed for fundraising for the organ. 300 envelopes have been produced, and funds raised so far amount to £1469.00. Envelopes are to be given out at the end of mass, and Margaret Helliwell is planning on discussing the possibility of setting up an online donations process with Hugo Teruzzi.

The team is planning the construction of a display to encourage fundraising for the organ, which should be completed in the foyer in the next couple of weeks. Hugh Finnigan is planning on discussing with Paul Hale (the overseer of the restoration project) for the creation of this display.

Other fundraising ideas are the distribution of Smarties tubes, which people can fill with coins. Also, there are a number of table-top sales to be held, the first of which is on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**ACTION:** The management of table-top sales may take some time and planning, so the parish needs to decide on what exactly needs to be done for these, and assemble the necessary manpower to make this happen. Niall is to discuss with Candida Calvert, and discuss forward planning for this – this may need a bulletin item producing, or the PPC database contacting. Members of the Youth Group could be helpful in setting this up.

### **4. Website Activity**

It was noticed that updates the website are necessary, as we now have new office staff, and cathedral curates whose information is not on the cathedral website. It was also noticed that the cathedral's Wikipedia page is somewhat out-of-date on many issues.

It was noticed that there is still not much social media presence, especially from the cathedral as a parish (as opposed to a public place for which Laura Claveria does much work on social media). Going back to the Evangelisation initiatives, it was felt that social media could play a significant part of this, particularly amongst the young.

**ACTION:** Niall is to update the Wikipedia page, and Hugo is to update the website with up-to-date information on cathedral staff.

### **5. Fr. Chris Update**

Work on the spire is now complete, and should last another 100 years. The replacement of the mortar in the brickwork of the remainder of the building has been recommended, and should be done within the next 10 years. The alabasters are also now in place, and had a successful launch day recently. Deacon Bill Burleigh has written a book to accompany the alabasters.

Training of the Altar Servers occurred over the Easter period, with hands-on training incorporated into the Holy Week services.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:45pm**

Future meetings (provisional)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July