

**PARISH OF SAINT HELEN
LANGSIDE
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

TUESDAY 8th November'21

7.30PM

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH HALL

1. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

2. PRESENT: Monsignor Paul, Deacon Kevin Kelly, Attracta O'Reilly, Clare Gonella, Grace Cohen & Chiara Piacentini

APOLOGIES: Jackie Black & Pat Weatherall

3. MINUTES 28/9/21 Approved by A. O'R and seconded by CG. Matters arising from previous Minutes:

* 'Fogger Training' - a notice to be put into bulletin asking for volunteers to be trained to use fogging machine. Also, to order supplies for volunteers using fogging machine

* Rota for Readers/Eucharistic Ministers still to be established.

4. BRIEF REVIEW – OCTOBER'21

a) OCTOBER DEVOTIONS – Thanks to Deacon Kevin for his contribution to October Rosary

b) SUPPLY PRIESTS - Grateful thanks to Father Bernard and Father John Clark for celebrating holy Mass whilst Monsignor Paul was away

Fr. John Clark will return Monday 6th – 10th December'21 as our supply priest.

5. SYNOD OF SYNODALITY- Communion, Participation, Mission handout 'Writers of Light' distributed to PPC members (for information only at this stage), a short document explaining 'What Is Synodality', and 'What is the Aim of The Synod' also 'the Themes of This Synod. Briefly discussed the themes and principals, which could possibly be explored as a parish in the future.

6. MOVING FORWARD – NOVEMBER 2021.... AND BEYOND

a) ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASSES Thank you to Monsignor Paul for both Masses which were very spiritual and well received by parishioners who attended or viewed virtually. Masses were well attended.

b) RED WEDNESDAY 24th November'21. St. Helen's Church will be lit up outside, in red, on this day to shine a light on Christian persecution and to highlight the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups. At 10.00am Mass red candle of prayer will be lit and this year ACN are requesting people sign their Red Wednesday Petition calling on the UK government and the UN to take action to stop the persecution and acts of violence aimed at Christian women and girls. Parishioners will be encouraged to wear something red, the Christian colour of martyrdom. Prayer cards will be distributed on the day.

c) 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Sunday 28th November'21

d) ST. ANDREW'S DAY MASS will be held on Tuesday 30th November at 10.00am. Jonathan Buchan (organist) has been asked to play at this Mass.

e) ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPEL STUDY Preparing to celebrate Christmas! 5 FREE weekly online sessions on Wednesdays from 24th Nov to 22nd Dec (7-8pm) To be promoted in bulletin

f) ADVENT SERVICE will take place on **MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2021 at 7.00PM**. Will take the form of reflection, music and prayer. To be advertised in the bulletin.

g) MASSES OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD Times of Masses and total number of Masses were discussed.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGILS (FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER) 5.00PM & 7.00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER) 9.00AM & 11.00AM

PPC discussed how best to allocate spaces in Church for each Mass. Also discussed possible use of church hall. Discussed colour coded tickets for each Mass with Track and Trace information on reverse of ticket. Finalise details at next PPC Meeting (14/12/21)

h) ADVENT GIVING CAMPAIGN 2021 Discussed whether and how to go ahead with appeal this year. Will to check if Refugees and Asylum Seekers organisations are now taking goods/food as this had stopped due to pandemic.

7. LITURGY

a) Music Ministry update was spoken about previously, as too Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

8. PARISH GROUPS

a) SSVP gave an update on their work within the parish. It has been decided SSVP will merge with SSVP of St. Gabriel's parish. SSVP communicate regularly with housebound by telephoning and delivering bulletins and Catholic literature when available. Several elderly parishioners are unable to attend Mass due to mobility issues therefore communication from SSVP members is welcomed. Individuals who can attend Mass, with support, are now being assisted to attend. Deacon Kevin assists SSVP by taking communion to the housebound.

9. Suggestions / points for consideration? – None

10. AOCB SAFEGUARDING UPDATE PPC members were given a handout prepared by Safeguarding Coordinator which contained an overview of the main changes in Safeguarding in God's Name V2.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14th December 2021. 7.00pm. Church Hall.

12. Closing Prayer & Blessing