



## MERTON DEANERY PASTORAL GROUP

### Virtual Zoom Meeting Notes

Date: TUESDAY 11 August 2020

Time: 7.30 pm

### Parishes Present

SS Peter & SS Peter	Paul Ivor Patnelli (Chair) Paul Tony Scott
St John Fisher	John Golden & Julie Brook
Sacred Heart	Canon John, Paul Davis, Maria Christopher & Sadie Smith
St Teresa	Stuart Thomas
The Our lady of Assumption	Flavia De Souza
Apologies	-

1. **Opening Prayer:** led by Ivor Patnelli

#### 2. **Update of the Deanery Website – Brainstorming – All**

Members browsed the webpage and focussed on the following questions: a) Why do we need a Deanery website and b) what is the purpose of the website. One of the members suggested that it needs to be reviewed, and obsolete information deleted. It was suggested that we include the names of the parish priests in the Deanery. Members agreed to think about how best to populate the webpage and come up with suggestions at the next meeting in September.

3. **Appointment of a Secretary/Scribe:** This was deferred to the next meeting. Members were encouraged to think about volunteering for this vital role.

#### 4. **Feedback from parishes.**

All the Parishes represented shared that the services and the attendance is gradually picking up. Arrangements are made at each Parish to undertake a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that they follow the government's guidance for the safe use of places of worship.

##### **Sacred Heart:**

Appointed Paul Davis as a new sacristan.

Giovanni who spent a year of Seminarian training in the parish was ordained last month.

Confessions are being heard in the parishes represented at the meeting.

The Bereavement group are in high demand and they are actively supporting some people.

**St Theresa:** are working towards Communion and Confirmation logistics.

- **St John Fisher:** The church has a new look with the repair work done during the lockdown.
- **The Our Lady of Assumption:** normal masses during the whole week. The Volunteers are very proactive in administering and monitoring the track and test Test and Trace cards.. Volunteers have also stepped in to clean the church, the presbytery garden and the car park. Throughout the lockdown, there was effective communication and support amongst parishioners. A WhatsApp group formed by the parish priest to facilitate communication.
- **SS Peter and Paul Mitcham**  
Parishioners were told about the Government mandatory requirement to wear face coverings in all places of worship, including at all Church services, from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.  
Parishioners who are unable to collect their Gift Aid envelopes are being encouraged to either set up standing orders or donate via the website.  
The priests are available for the Sacrament of Confession on Saturdays after the 10 am Mass.

5. **The date for next meeting :** 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm

6. **Closing Prayer :** led by Sadie smith

7. Members stayed on for a cordial summer drink and social conversation.

