



Merton Pastoral Deanery Group

Notes of Zoom Virtual meeting of 14 July 2020

Parish	Present
SS Peter & Paul	Ivor Patnelli (Chair)
SS Peter & Paul	Tony Scott
St John Fisher	John Golden Julie Brook
Sacred Heart	Canon John, Paul Davis, Sadie Smith
St Teresa	Stuart Thomas,
<i>Apologies</i>	

1. **Opening prayer** – Canon John

2. **Feedback on the opening of the Churches for Public Masses**

All the Parishes represented have had Mass on Sunday and weekdays. Each Parish had different arrangements for spacing and cleansing, but all are very aware and careful to follow the guidelines to ensure that parishioners are safe. Attendance was good. Some people are still very nervous about coming to Church.

- a. Confessions are being heard in the parishes represented at the meeting.
- b. St John Fisher have used the lockdown to carry out repairs, intense cleaning of the floor and repainting of decorations in the some of the Church.

3. **Justice and Peace**

There was a lengthy discussion about the alternative organisations in the Parishes covering Justice and Peace activities but maybe under a different name. **Justice & Peace groups** work to develop awareness about issues of Justice & Peace both locally and around the world.

St John Fisher Parish has a very active Justice and Peace group. Ivor was concerned that there is a need in St Peter and Paul Parish to start a Justice & Peace group. The subject was deferred to be discussed at a later meeting – possibly in September.

4. **Feedback on the Eucharistic Congress (ADOREMUS)**

- a. Feels like very little has been done in the Diocese after the death of Fr Mulligan. Jo Casey made enquires but found that the reports from the group she was working on had been lost and she was asked to re-submit.



- b. Canon John has had no information from the Archbishop about it.
- c. Maria Christopher has assisted several parishes in the Diocese to start Adoration Groups.

5. Formation of a planning Group

As there was so few of us present, only 4 Parishes represented we decided that we need to encourage all our members to make a greater effort to return to the meeting to help plan for the way ahead. Also to help and support each other. We are aware that Finance is likely to be problematic – how are all the Parishes coping. What about support with Confirmation groups? Are there other items that parishes need support with? It is imperative that parishes liaise with each other instead of reinventing the wheels. It was agreed that Sadie would phone all our members to encourage them to attend meetings and to share their Parish's success stories and talk about what is of most concern to them all.

Date and time for next meeting

Date: Tuesday 11 August

Time: 7.30 on Zoom

All are invited appear at the Zoom meeting with a glass of wine or a festive drink to toast each other – summer festivity!

Paul will send out the zoom link

Meeting ended with a prayer led by Ivor