

Minutes of Meeting of St Margaret's Parish Pastoral Council  
19th July 2023

1. Opening prayer was led by Fr Syriac .
2. Attendance :- Tim Hall, Fr Syriac , George Toal , Mike Glancy, Paddy Mallan , Catherine Pearce , Tom Canning, Barbara Whitlock, Bernadette Little , Tom Condie, Colin Caldwell, Ian McDonald , Amanda Dellar .
3. Apologies :- were received from Martin Wilkinson .
4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 12th May 2023 were approved .
5. Matters arising :- all matters arising are covered in the meeting .
6. Building work update :-

St Margaret's :-

Church lights fault has now been fixed .

The Church Notice Boards are still causing confusion .  
Any update on instructions .

Holy Name :- Pat testing and changes to disabled toilet .

7. St Margaret Pilgrimage Feedback and future plans to be considered:-

Colin had sent email to all members as follows :-

The attendance of Parish members was very poor .The numbers were made up mainly by visitors .

The Crypt and Lady Chapel were not used .

There was some confusion with priest's vestments being brought from Edinburgh .

The Hungarian visitors were very happy to be here .

Plans for next year :- 23rd June 2024

Archbishop would like the procession to be restarted but with no Ecumenical service but a short prayer service at the shrine .

Mass should be planned for 2.30 pm .

Some discussion continued on possible way forward.  
Hopefully some new organisations could be invited to join us next year .  
Could High School possibly be involved .

Tim requested that Colin have a meeting with the committee to discuss what is required .

8 . Changes implemented since end of restrictions :-

Communion under both kinds is now being offered to all and is being fairly well received .

The new Confessional is now being used in St Margaret's .

Live streaming of all Masses is being continued .

9 . Mass times - no proposed changes as yet , been discussed with Dean .

10. Safeguarding Update :-

Ian McDonald has replaced Marie as Safeguarding Coordinator .

11. Finance :- ( Paddy )

Both churches have received updates .

We have received a £5,800 VAT refund .

Oakley Steering Group have requested details of sharing Priest's running costs .

Mike asked for spread sheet similar to that of Holy Name to be provided at our PPC Meeting .

12. Parish Register :-

The new Website is up and running .

Regular weekly request is being distributed to remind parishioners to provide information for web site .

Details of next years pilgrimage could also be included in Website .

Colin will provide this .

13. Ladies and Men's Group - Update

Martin provided a good summary by email .

14 . A.O.C.B.

Martin , Marie , Paddy - Post Synod follow up -

Further meetings will be held to re-energise and facilitate the laity having a voice in what is happening in the parish .

St Margaret's Cave :-

Bernadette has been contacted about St Margaret's Cave and its inaccessible state . She rightly suggested that this is the responsibility of the Council .

As there was no other business the meeting ended with the closing prayer led by Fr Syriac .

Next Meeting - Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7pm in St Margaret's Crypt .



