

Minutes of the PPC – 14th August 2025

Attendees:

- Fr Sebastian Paul
- Chris Bourne – Chair
- Michael Burke – Treasurer
- Alan Verschoyle-King – HN

Apologies for absence:

Marie-Ann Chidiac and Karen Hazelden

Opening Prayer – The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr Sebastian.

Minutes of the meeting of the 30th of June 2025

These were accepted without amendment

Matters Arising

All matters arising would be covered in agenda items.

Parish Priest Update

Fr Sebastian shared updates on parish life and ongoing initiatives. He said that he was seeking support from the bishop as his workload with both Churches and the school was considerable. The new moderated Parish of Weybridge was planned to be in effect by the end of the year.

He had had discussions on how to improve the musical content at OLOL .

The PPC discussed and agreed that the Confirmation Training programme should be continued in its current format.

Finance Report

There was little to report since the last meeting . The appeal by the Treasurer for increased giving was set for the weekend of 14th/15th September. Michael will be supported by Pam. The pamphlet to support the appeal was nearly completed.

Parish Retreat

The Chair reported that with Marie Ann he had had a discussion with Fr John Church a newly ordained Dominican who had agreed to facilitate an inhouse retreat at Holy Name on 7th/8th November. The retreat would commence on Friday evening with a meal and would continue all day Saturday . We would hope for 40/50 parishioners and there would be no charge although there would be a request for donations

Holy Name Report

Alan provided an update on his recent meeting with volunteers, during which he proposed consolidating several existing tasks to streamline efforts and improve efficiency. Sign up Sunday would be on the 6/7th September for both Churches.

The PPC decided to keep the 9am Sunday mass at HN at its current time to allow Fr Sebastian sufficient time to get to OLOL for the 11am mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes Report

The Chair reported on the slow progress on the Health and Safety aspects of the refurbishment. However, he now had the plans for the fire doors and the office and after

signing off we would go to tender. The fire alarm plan was again nearing completion. Regarding the roof the cost of completely refurbishing was over £200.000. It was now proposed to only repair the area over the kitchen.

Having had the experiment of changing the Saturday evening mass to 17:30 the congregation at that mass would be asked by show of hands which they preferred ' It was agreed that there would be a celebration on the weekend of 1st/2nd November of the 60th Anniversary of OLOL. Fr Sebastian would invite the Bishop.

Charities and Community Committee

The PPC discussed the Charity and Communities requirements of the Parish. It was decided that each church should follow their own charities and on occasions there would be community events to which all parishioners would be invited.

PPC Terms of Reference

The Chair's draft was discussed and agreed but amended to reflect that the Treasurer should be the treasurer of the Finance Committee. The TOR would be put on the Parish Website as would be minutes of the PPC suitably edited.

Alan would follow up to see the if Clerk to the governors of St Pauls School would also be Secretary of the PPC

Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting -21st October 2025 at 19:00