

SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th September 2025 in the LOUNGE at 8pm

MINUTES

Rachel Purvis (in the Chair), Jude Mariadoss (taking minutes), Sr Dorothy Perrott, Teresa Engley, Maria Christopher, Deacon Julian Burling, Canon David Gibbons, Fr Edwin Raj, Rob Hitchcock (Faith Minister), Graham Kennedy, Annette Campbell-Black and Peter Taylor. Observing were James Bush representing Sacred Heart School. Apologies were received from Siobhan Heffron, Max Toone, Chris Woodward, Nina Beltran and Jose Garibaldi, William Morris.

1. Welcome, opening prayer and apologies

Opening Prayer – Sr Dorothy

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair. They will be uploaded to the website shortly.

3. Updates from Canon David

Deanery Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass will be held at 12 noon on 13th September. Altar Servers & Musicians from all parishes in the deanery are invited.

Lower hall will be open for people to have packed lunch. Tea & Coffee will be organised for pilgrims. A note on this is already published in this week's newsletter.

On Saturday 6th September, there is a mass for Readers at Mass.

Fr Edwin Raj has arrived. Fr Frank Mudu is awaiting his Visa. Fr. David Hunter is still with us at the moment.

4. 'Be Well Hub' –

Diocese is enthusiastic about the 'Be Well Hub' and interested in encouraging other parishes within the diocese to become recognised as 'Be Well Hubs' too. We have a number of volunteers being trained, both to support various groups such as the Memory Lane Club and the Thursday Group, and to talk to parishioners about their wellbeing at the monthly continental breakfasts.

We are applying for a microgrant to buy a laptop to help those who struggle to access online resources, especially resources that help improve health and wellbeing. Nina B has volunteered to help with this. This is likely to benefit members of the Memory Lane Club in particular.

Graham Kennedy is also talking to Merton Council about how the Be Well Hub could help the Council meet its public health objectives.

The ask is to let Graham know of anyone who may be interested in getting involved in the 'Be Well Hub'. **Action all**

Listening campaign at Continental breakfast is being planned, where parents can share what they are going through – We need people to go through the training as Mental health Champion.

A Celebration breakfast is proposed on 8th March 2026 recognising people who are involved in Mental Health Services

5. Finance Committee – No updates from Chris on Gift aid contribution. There was a suggestion from Graham to contact parishioners who do not Gift Aid their donations directly (by email and telephone) to see if they would be prepared to do this. This will not cost the parishioners any

more (it might benefit them by reducing their tax liability), but it is likely to result in more income for the parish.

A note can be added in the newsletter.

6. Hall Committee – No updates

7. SDS – Updates on parish lead for Formation.

We have received feedback on the plan that was submitted– The feedback is such that the overall plan was good. Some areas of the plan have solid plans while in some areas it is thin. **Action** - The main objective is to identify the third person who can be the lead for Formation.

The Called to bear fruit – The report is being formed and sent through the Diocese – There were 14000+ responses.

8. PPC Matters

Retreat is postponed. A new date is to be chosen **Action**

New Parishioners event on 14th September - Invitations have been sent out. It is mentioned in this week's newsletter.

9. Parish Social Life

Social Committee - A list of volunteers to help with the social events in the parish. A note on the parish newsletter asking parishioners if they can be on a list

Parish Dinner – Fund Raising event – 10 years ago we had an auctioning evening with Dinner. We could plan a similar event to raise funds for the Church renovation work.

10. Sacred Heart School

Size of the logo and how the banner should look like. The QR code on the banner will lead to the various parish groups so people can sign up.

The new Head will be invited to a PPC meeting.

11. **AOB** – Items from the Newsletter Catechetical workshops conducted by the diocese

12. Date of Next Meeting

Next PPC meeting will be on Thursday 2nd Oct 2025 in the lower hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PPC Meeting: Thursday 2nd October

PPC Meeting: Thursday 6th November

PPC Meeting: Thursday 4th December

Parish Dinner / Fundraiser provisional date 13th February 2026