OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH SHERINGHAM AND CROMER
Parish Pastoral Council 11th June 2024

1. **Welcome Opening Prayer for our Parish**
   Present: Father Trindade Monteiro, Darryl Smith (Chair), Breeda Godfrey, Michele Otway, Angela Sandell, Anne Buxton, Mary Mustoe-Arthur (Secretary) Peter Godfrey (Treasurer). There were 4 parishioners in attendance
2. **Apologies** – David Burns
3. **Notes of Meeting 28th February 2024 – agreed with one addition -**Angela Sandell and Michele Otway agreed to be the contacts for Sheringham Churches together – thanks to them
4. **Matters Arising**
   a. Parish Magazine: *Church and Community* – This had been discussed at Finance Committee and David was asked by the PPC members to carry out a review of value for money and take up. Has it met its purpose and intention? What numbers were required and should it continue? David asked to report to next PPC meeting.
   Action DB
5. **Father Trindade's report**
   Father thanked parishioners for their ongoing support over the last 7 months, initially he felt it was slow to get to know the parish and churches but had received good support from the various committees and their members.
   Extraordinary PPC may be needed - Father Trindade gave advance notice that there might need to be an extraordinary PPC to consider, and respond to Bishop Peter Collins's consultation document which has not yet been received.
   New Lectionaries – From the First Sunday in Advent new lectionaries will be used. Orders have been placed with the CTS (Catholic Truth Society) who are the publishers. Parish copies have been ordered for both churches, for use at St Andrew's Holt and other external services. There are substantial costs involved (£1853) but the Parish had received a legacy from the Munkman family which will pay for most of the books however £355.59 will remain outstanding. Father Trindade will offer a Mass of thanksgiving for the Munkman's. Holy Week books are not yet available.
   Further information: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-to-be-launched-in-england-and-wales-for-advent-2024/ and https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary-site/. All existing versions will be removed for recycling.
   Peoples' missals are planned to be available in 2025 (last edition was 2011) – information will follow as soon as it is received.
   2025 Jubilee Year – Pope Frances has announced this: **https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/.** Diocesan activities will be announced and publicised.
   Visiting the Sick and Housebound – update
   Father Trindade wishes to check he has the most up to date information about home visits so all Eucharistic Ministers who carry out home visits are asked to give him details ASAP – request in this weekend's bulletin. If anyone knows of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass through illness or frailty, please let Father know. Father hopes to visit everyone on the list by September.
   Dates for Diary
   Refugee evening on 17th June – still places available – evening free with donations to School of Joy
   29th/30th June visit by Father Kevin Hughes of Mill Hill Missionaries who will make an appeal. Letter of thanks to Parish for 2022 donations - £1,340 received.
   7th July First Holy Communion - 3 candidates will receive First Holy Communion at OLR 9am Mass refreshments and cake available after Mass. *Please keep the boys, their parents and Catechists in prayers.*
   Visit from Father Mamdouh Abusada, School of Joy - Father hopes to visit on weekend of 3rd and 4th August to make an appeal for the Charity – Father Trindade is ensuring necessary permissions with the Vicar General
   Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Tuesday 24th September 6.30 Mass at OLR followed by procession and refreshments.
6. **Treasurer's report**
   Peter Godfrey reported and shared a proposed account summary of 2023 Parish Accounts which will be posted on the notice boards at each church. This followed discussions at the recent Finance Committee and PPC members were also able to give some feedback to ensure that all figures balanced with some basic explanations of expenditure or income or any specific in year issues. This was agreed and Peter would adjust accordingly before posting. Work has continued to ensure basic servicing contracts are agreed and in place to pick up any issues in year – this will also enable more accurate financial planning and review. The difficult financial climate for everyone was acknowledged.
   100 Club report – No change since the last meeting.

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7. Maintenance/Working Party Committee

Mary reported working hand in hand with Treasurer and Administrator and that work was progressing (albeit with ongoing emergency repairs around heating and hot water at the Presbytery). Quotes are being obtained for items of work and already some outstanding items have been actioned and service contracts put into place. The doors of the hall at St. Joseph's were painted by Brian Whittaker-Wright and thanks were given to him for this work. Breeda Godfrey and Mary were thanked for their work in the Presbytery to make it a more satisfactory place for our Priests and there will be some additional work on redecorating and routine planning.

8. Social Committee Report

Michael Trott reported that events have been very successful. The curry evening was a sell out and enjoyed by all. Funds of approximately £800 have been received and are being used to refurbish and update the Presbytery. Maureen and Anne made cakes and raised £42 at the weekend - they were thanked for all their efforts.

Upcoming events

29th June – Strawberry Tea at OLR
13th July – Parish Picnic at Binham Priory
29th August Parish BBQ at St. Joseph's
24th September Mass of Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Walsingham OLR
6th November – Harvest Supper

A full programme of events ahead. The PPC members thanked all involved and asked for as much advance publicity as possible so parishioners could both plan and bring cash to church! All events are published in the Bulletin and Social Committee members present agreed to prepare a forthcoming events list and post on the notice boards at each church.

9. North Norfolk SVP report – update report tabled to PPC members. The excellent work continues and the appointment of Debbie-Anne Farrow as the local Housing and Support Officer working with the Conference has been a great success and enabled the excellent work already established to grow further. Debbie has effective close working relationships with North Norfolk District council which are very productive.

10. Churches Together -Angela Sandell and Michele Otway hope to build on the work begun for the Refugee evening and ensure opportunities for shared events are promoted. There had been a meeting at the Lighthouse and it was hoped that there might be more opportunity to encourage greater unity. A request was made for consideration of exploring Sheringham Town Carol Concerts.

11. School of Joy -David had shared a report which is also available on the website

12. Worship Options – Father Trindade, Paul Henriksen and David Burns had spoken about this and the proposal is for a monthly family mass with a broader range of music. However, in David's absence no update was available but the PPC encouraged all to move this forward and would be happy to offer assistance.

13. Any other business

No items received from Parishioners at St. Joseph's

a. **Hall layout at OLR** request to all hall users to put away table and chairs once meetings have finished

b. **Request for additional collection counters –** appeal to be placed in the Parish bulletin – further information from Michael Trott

c. **Events at OLR -** a number of practical suggestions had been made to have social events at OLR and to increase contact with other local churches e.g. Northrepps and Overstand as well as more engagement with civic events in Cromer. Social Committee this week will consider this and respond

d. **Request for less Latin at Mass –** covered by item 12 above

e. **Cromer Golf Club parking –** Darryl will write to the Golf Club to formally acknowledge and apologise for recent event which does not reflect our ongoing good relationship and co-operation with the Golf club.

f. **Sheringham Beach Life –** 27th -30th August prayer leaflets will be issued request for supporters to commit to this. MMA will distribute after training days have taken place.

g. **Our Lady of Refuge -** request that the full name be used at all times – agreed.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th October – 7pm at Our Lady of Refuge (Finance Committee meet in September so meetings dovetail).