

St MC Way Forward Group

Minutes from 1st Meeting 7.00 pm 24 Jan 2022

Present: Mike Parish, Brian Rockliffe, Freda Rockliffe, Marie Harrison, Kath Spence, Ros McMullen, Shona Paterson, David Farnsworth, Liz Farnsworth, Kath Campbell, Sue Ellis, Pat Keenan

Apologies Father Kevin, Bob Parr, Carolyn Jones.

Sue led us with an opening prayer. The group introduced each other.

Round table discussion after which the Group decided the following priorities:

- Recognition that the pandemic has eroded how the community comes together before, during and after Mass. An urgent need to return to the richness of community shared experience we used to enjoy pre-pandemic. **Action: Two members of the Group have volunteered to work with Father Kevin to bring back these vital aspects of attending Mass.**
- Recognition that we have much to learn about how the Parish "ticks" from an administrative perspective. **Action: Two members of the Group have volunteered to work with Father Kevin to gain a better understanding of all the tasks a Parish Priest undertakes to run a Parish.**
- Recognition that we have very little time to produce a first contribution to the Synodal Pathway. **Action: Four parishioners have volunteered to form a Synodal Pathway Group to take this forward.**
- Recognition we have common cause with St Paulinus and need to work together. **Action: One member of Group has volunteered to liaise with St Paulinus.**
- Recognition we will need to form a properly constituted Parish Council to meet the many challenges and opportunities arising from a laity led Parish. **Action: Group to discuss in more detail at next meeting.**

Date of next meeting: 7pm Tues 15th Feb