



St Anne's Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 03 September 2026

at 7:00pm Meeting Room, Presbytery

In attendance: GD, MMc, MS, Fr G, Fr B

Item	Agenda Topics	Discussion/Actions	Person responsible	Date to be completed by
1.	Welcome and opening Prayer	Fr Greg opened the meeting with a prayer		
2.	Apologies	YR, TL, MB, CU, RA		
3.	Previous minutes	Previous meeting was the AGM, no previous minutes to approve		
4.	Fr Benjamin	Update given regarding Fr B's visa situation, which has now been resolved and renewed for the next 3 years. He will then be eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain and citizenship after a further 12 months. Fr B was encouraged to liaise with D Lawes, Diocesan CEO, regarding the next steps, copying in Fr G and MS. Fr G highlighted the increasingly challenging position of the Church, particularly in relation to the shortage of priests in the Diocese, and the impact this might have on us.	Fr B	ASAP
5.	Mission	<u>Mission Plan</u>: Two of our young parishioners recently attended a Youth Forum meeting at The Briars, where they met with other young people from across the Diocese and Bishop Patrick. The Bishop listened to their responses to the question, "What do you want your Church to be?" The Youth Forum brings together young people aged 15 to 25 from across the diocese to work directly with Bishop Patrick over two years. For a full report and to see some of their responses, visit: https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/not-the-future-of-the-church-the-present <u>Education</u>: Discussion around the situation in the Diocesan Catholic schools which has now resolved. Lisa Walton was appointed acting CEO of the Trust on June 8, 2026, until August 2027. Fr G and Fr B explained that they visit the schools at least once per week. They will meet with David Redfern from STM and Fr G has a meeting planned with Mrs Rose at St Anne's.	MMc Fr G/FrB Fr G	 First term

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		Confirmation: A meeting was held with Joe Hopkins to discuss running a programme and sharing resources in preparation for Confirmation in September 2027. Suggestions included: • A Young People's Alpha course as an introduction; • A retreat day; and • Sessions following Sunday Mass in the Parish Community Centre. Courses: Following a meeting in New Mills on 28 July, it was agreed to run a course based on the theme of Vocation - "How is God calling you?", during week commencing 12 October. An RCIA group is currently running in New Mills, with three catechumens. The costs associated with a Sycamore course were also discussed. The core sessions are available free of charge, with a licence required to run additional sessions.	MMc/MMc/GM	Ongoing
6.	Safeguarding	There are some ongoing issues. A picture of a person of interest to the police, who has attended Mass in BX recently, will be circulated to all PPC members and some members of the Welcoming/Stewarding Team, so that they are aware and can take appropriate action if necessary during Mass. Parents who regularly attend the children's group will need to be DBS checked.	MS MS/CL group	06 September ASAP
7.	Rotas	Welcomers and Stewards: There is a need for additional welcomers and stewards. A pulpit appeal will be made to encourage parishioners to volunteer. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The list of EMHCs who have been commissioned, including those temporarily commissioned, will be reviewed to identify those who are no longer active in their ministry. Two additional ministers have been identified and will be offered training when dates for 2027 are available. Dona machines: Now installed and operational. Offertory collectors at Mass will be asked to take the Digital Collection Plate (DCP) around at the Offertory and will need to be trained. The DCP was demonstrated during the meeting.	MS MS Fr G/MS MS/KS	Beginning Nov ASAP Ongoing
8.	Quinquennial	Not discussed at this meeting.		

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9.	Processions/ socials	<u>Feast Day:</u> The Feast Day was a successful event, with many positive comments received. For next year, the following points will be considered: Formalise the Blessed Sacrament procession; Consider the use of a small marquee, as there was limited space in the Hardwick Room <u>St Patrick's Day:</u> It was agreed to meet with and develop the bands. Use these events as fundraising opportunities to support young people attending Lourdes and World Youth Day. <u>Walsingham Pilgrimage:</u> The article in the Catholic News should serve to promote the pilgrimage to all our four communities. A possible date in May will be identified, and expressions of interest will be sought from parishioners across all four communities. This will also be promoted through both parish newsletters.	All Fr G All MS/PB	25 July 2027 Nov 2026
10	Date of next meeting	3 Dec, 7:00pm in the Meeting Room.		