



# COMMUNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

*The parishes of  
Our Lady and the Apostles, St Ambrose, St. Bernadette, St. Joseph,  
St Peter, St. Philip and St Vincent de Paul  
in Stockport*

A Local Pastoral Area in the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Notes from the Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's, Stockport

## **Present:**

Our Lady and the Apostles, Fr. David Long, Hazel Dove  
St. Ambrose: Fr. Geoff O'Grady,  
St. Bernadette: Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, Tina Cain  
St. Joseph: Fr. Jim Matthews,  
St. Peter: Fr. Peter Sharrocks, Julie Williams  
St. Philip: David Smith, Val Savage  
St. Vincent de Paul: Rowena Nield

## **Apologies:**

Our Lady and the Apostles: Mary Varley  
St. Ambrose: Jonathan Goodfellow  
St. Joseph's: Christine Wells, Deacon Terry Simms  
LPA Headteacher: Carole Hogan  
LPA Catechist: Cecilia Allan

## ❖ **Welcome**

Fr. Jim welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

## ❖ **Notes from the Last Meeting**

These were agreed.

## ❖ **Matters Arising**

Divine Renovation – Fr. Peter told us about the day in London he had attended the previous week, which had been very informative and helpful. St. Peter's is beginning to take some steps along the Divine Renovation route as is St. Vincent's. Fr. David commented on the day Sherry Weddell gave for the clergy and Rowena commented on the day for religious and laity. Both had found Sherry Weddell a very lively speaker and found the days useful.

Funeral Ministry – Fr. Peter reported that St. Peter's had a few people who were now accompanying bereaved persons/families. He was still trying to arrange the visits to the Crematorium. Fr. Peter had been in correspondence with Bishop Mark regarding Funeral Ministry.

## ❖ **Marian Songs of Praise**

This year's Marian Songs of Praise would be on Sunday 20 May at 3 pm at St. Ambrose's. Everyone was asked to advertise the event on Saturday evening/Sunday morning.

## ❖ **LPA Summer Event**

It was agreed not to go ahead with the Summer Event in Lyme Park as Lyme Park had said that due to large numbers visiting the Park at weekends during the summer, the Park was often closed for short periods if the car park was full. This caused large traffic queues. So people were being encouraged to travel to the Park using the 'Park & Ride' from the Rising Sun in Hazel Grove. It was felt that people wouldn't want to take children, picnics and games on the bus.

### ❖ **Local Missionary Area Councils**

Hazel reported that no one from the Younger Family Group had the time to take on the role as representative for Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Jim had someone in mind but if that didn't work out, Fr. David had some contacts in Romiley he would consult. Cath Duffy had said that she would be interested in taking on the role as representative for Youth Mission.

### ❖ **Adult Formation 2018—2019 – including Review of Lent Talks**

Both the Lent talks, by Fr. Bernard Bickers and Canon David Roberts, had gone very well and the attendance had been very good. St. Vincent's have bought a copy of 'Babette's Feast' to which Fr. David had referred extensively during his talk and would be showing it soon. An invitation would be sent to all the LPA Parishes.

It was agreed to have 'healing' as the topic for the next academic year. It was suggested that there could be two talks in Advent on the 'Sacrament of the Sick' and Healing in general and a Healing Mission in Lent for all the parishes. Fr. Geoff would look into the feasibility of arranging a mission.

It was also agreed to invite all catechists to a meeting in the Autumn Term to find out how they felt the LPA could help and support them.

### ❖ **Eucharistic Congress September 2018**

All the parishes would all keep in touch via email regarding travel arrangements to Liverpool in September.

All parishes would be having a Holy Hour on 3 June. Liturgical and devotional resources will be supplied by the Diocese.

### ❖ **Reflection Morning for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

The Reflection Morning for Readers led by Margaret Lillis would be on Saturday 17 November and on Saturday 9 March 2019 for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Both would be from 10 am to 1 pm, closing with Mass and would be held at St. Vincent's, Bramhall.

### ❖ **Any Other Business**

Hazel asked if the LPA would like to have an Awareness Evening on some aspect of Justice & Peace/Social Action. Fr. David suggested an evening led by Friends of the Holy Land. This was agreed.

### ❖ **Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 9 October 2018 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer.