

Meeting of Parish Core Team 17 th May 2022 7.30pm	
Present:	Kevin Rourke (KR), Canon Tim Madeley (CTM), Claire Fairlie (CF), Jenny Marsden (JM), Claudine Maude (CM), Denis Woodhouse (DW)
	Minutes Secretary: Denise Bass
Apologies:	Robin Landells (RL)
1.	Opening Prayer
2.	Apologies RL
3.	Introductions Each team member introduced themselves.
4.	The purpose of the Parish Core Team CTM's vision is to create a different type of team to those in the past. His vision is for it to be an advisory group so wanted people with ideas, opinions, experiences and talents. RL has a place on the Core Team as he is a member of both finance committees so has an overview of the finances of both churches in the parish. The plan for the Core Team in the year ahead is to: • Raise issues brought to them by parishioners • Discuss the responses to the Synod that are relevant to parish life • Allow the various groups within the parish to be heard by inviting to one of the Core Team's meetings. KR asked each member of the Core Team what they expected from the team when they were asked to join. The main points raised were that the Core Team would be: • A unifying force, building cohesion between the two churches within the parish • A voice for the parish which has been lost of the last couple of years • A sensitive listening ear • An opportunity to show transparency to the parish so they are aware of what is happening • A way to create an identity for the whole parish Following on from those thoughts and ideas it was decided that: • Suggestion boxes would be created both physically within the churches and online so parishioners would have an opportunity to express their opinions • DB to publish the minutes from these meetings and put up in both churches so parishioners will know what has been discussed • A new logo or picture would be created to head the newsletter and the homepage of the parish website
5.	Brief look at finance RL had prepared a brief financial summary – see attached sheet. KR stressed that great care is needed over expenditure due to the current global financial problems. CTM said a DONA card machine has been ordered for Our Lady of Consolation which might improve finances there as it will be an easy way for pilgrims and visitors to the Shrine to make an offering or to purchase items from the repository.
6.	Developments at Our Lady of Consolation CTM was made Rector of the Shrine by Bishop Richard with the task of developing it. The Core Team toured the church and grounds as CTM explained the possible developments. The main priorities are (in no particular order): • To do maintenance work on the church roof • To renew the Pilgrim's Way and other developments in the grounds • To add the Mysteries of Light to the Rosary Way • To re-establish the original entrance to the church, relocating the sacristy and

	extending the parish room with better toilet facilities • To put in a font, reinstate the two side altars and replace the ambo • To create a parking area for coaches
7.	Developments at St. Gabriel's • To paint the inside of the church • To clean the outside of the church • To get the sanctuary wall repaired and redecorated • To commission two icons – St. Gabriel and Our Lady of the Annunciation CF suggested looking at the work of Margaret Boyd • To redecorate the Hall, upgrade the toilets and put in wifi • To possibly relocate the Parish Office to the meeting room • To redecorate and modernise the priest's house • To complete the work on securing the garden
8.	AOQ None. KR asked that for future meetings any other issues to be raised need to be sent to him in advance.
9.	Date of next meeting 28/06/22
10.	Final Prayer