

St Bonaventure's Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

14th January 2026, 6.30pm

Where: The Presbytery, St Bonaventure's Parish Church, BS7 8HP

Present: Angela Parry, Mary Moore, Oliver Roylance-Smith, Deacon Bart Kowalewski, Joanna Adamek, Karen Nelson, Veronica Swann and Canon Tom

Apologies:, Rob King, Deacon Andrew Bent and Sofia Kalfopulos.

	Note:	Action by:	By Date:
	We opened the meeting with Prayer.		
	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th November 2025 were agreed as a true record.	All	
1	<p>Matters arising from November Meeting</p> <p>Canon Tom thanked everyone for all their help for his Induction Mass. Fr James conducted the Mass well. First school Mass will be in the school hall (tomorrow) and parishioners have been informed and told they are welcome to attend. Big thank you to the welfare group for the Christmas party last week. Canon Tom informed the meeting of the passing of Sheelagh Gaines – funeral 20th February. Tony Barrett has also died recently and Fr Michael Healey will be conducting that funeral.</p> <p>Advent service at the Sacred Heart was a lovely service. A good mix of parishioners from parishes attended.</p> <p>Karen & Veronica are establishing the social committee.</p> <p>Last year's family party (January / February) in the church hall went really well – decided to run it again on 8th February 2026 after the 11.00 am Mass. Event to include a children's entertainer. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Finger food donations will be well received.</p> <p>Re-imagining Pastoral Councils – the link has been added to the end of the minutes and will continue to be so. Limited viewings of the webinars to date. Hopefully this will improve.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone who helped to raise funds towards the Advent charities. The total collected for Christmas Concert, Poinsettia appeal, Nativity and Christmas Craft sale was £1,278.00, which has been split between charities: HCPT, Homeless, Food Pantry & CAFOD- each charity will receive £319.50.</p>		
2	<p>Parishioner Comments Box items</p> <p>(i)Provision for young people: BK meeting the Ignite Youth</p>	BK	On-going

	<p>Group tonight. (ii) Comment that the poppy display was very nice.</p> <p>(iii) Request was made for the provision of a noticeboard to display events going on at the church. Can the blue boards in the office be used? The Safeguarding team would also like to put some notices up. Could use the blue mobile boards (currently in cupboard) and place by the Food Pantry. MM had spoken to Tony Nelson about noticeboards in the narthex. TN had said that loose paper noticeboards shouldn't really be in a fire escape route but maybe something like a "clip frame" or enclosed notice board would be best. Canon Tom to take forward.</p>	CT	On-going
3	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Welcomers – do we need more? Good number in place welcoming and distributing hymn books etc but could do with a few more people to take the collection. CT did say there was still an issue with the children coming out of children's liturgy on time. Catechists need to finish promptly so that Mass is not held up.</p> <p>MM previously distributed a sheet listing various role descriptions and person specifications of parish volunteers, an extract from Diocese of Clifton Handbook/Parish Safeguarding. This is currently in draft form, due to be distributed to parishes by the end of December. - Outstanding</p> <p>Distribution of Communion – CT to introduce more ministers. JA to change the rota so that there are 4 ministers distributing the Precious Blood (2 on each side), 2 ministers distributing the Hosts at the front of the church as normal and an extra minister at the back of the church distributing the Hosts. CT to hold a meeting with all Eucharistic Ministers to discuss changes.</p>	CT MM JA JA	ASAP
4	<p>Five purposes of the church (+ admin) framework at St Bon's Changes and additions as follows:- Administration – remove safeguarding Evangelisation – Add School Masses, First Holy Communion, Children's liturgy, Blessed Sacrament, ABC. BK planning to commence Adoration on a Saturday from 10.30 – 11.00 am. What do we do for adults under evangelisation? CT has one group at a time on a Tuesday evening for the 12 weeks leading up to Easter. It's called ABC – About Becoming a Catholic which is CT's take on RICA. Fellowship – add Brownies and Guides Discipleship – add climate action Ministry – add Safeguarding, Soup makers, HCPT and Welfare Group MM to update table.</p>	BK MM	TBA Next meeting
5	<p>PPC Focus for 2026. BK – Perpetual Adoration, marriage and families. ORS – discipleship – handed out a factsheet – to be on next</p>	All	Next mtg

	<p>agenda</p> <p>MM – Laudato Si – Pope Francis spoke about Care for Our Common Home as a christian responsibility. Climate Action Group would like to run some sessions for the parish to explain more. CT agreed but said the four sessions should not clash with Lent so maybe should begin on Mondays after Easter. MM to take it back to the next CAG meeting to discuss.</p> <p>KN- a prayer or a newsletter to give out more information about what is going on and what our church is about.</p> <p>CT- said it was good to see so much going on in the parish and suggested it would be good to publish this information on leaflets available at the back of the church.</p> <p>AP – The Live Simply award. Did it get renewed – lasted five years? Plaque is somewhere – maybe Hilary can advise. BK to double check.</p> <p>VS – Fair Trade awareness raising in the parish– no crackers at the Christmas party this year. Children’s Liturgy Group could provide children something to take home to carry on what they have been doing that week. The sheets already available at the back of church for children to take home were mentioned.</p> <p>BK – Welcome pack that can be handed out. Woodies church has one so BK going to collect a copy to be looked at. Good thing to have when new people attend.</p> <p>CT – recruitment of new altar servers – no current Rota either.</p>		
6	<p>Planning for Lent 2026</p> <p>Chris S has run Stations of the Cross previously during Lent. CT is keen to involve as many groups from the parishes to participate this coming Lent. Chris to message other groups to encourage participation and agree dates</p> <p>VS – will there be a Healing Mass during Lent? – CT to advise</p> <p>Will there be a Penitential Service in our parish? CT said this is unlikely due to lack of capacity, but may be discussed at the next Deanery meeting.</p> <p>KN – KN and Guides will be distributing bags after Mass at the beginning of Lent for people to fill with items for the food pantry.</p> <p>CT – advised likely services for Lent and Easter would be Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of Ashes – 9.15 am at St Bons & 6.00 pm Sacred Heart. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil – all likely to be at St Bon’s</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CT</p> <p>CT</p> <p>KN</p>	

7	<p>AOB</p> <p>'Reimagining Pastoral Councils' – a series of 9 webinars given by guest speakers, exploring many aspects of Pastoral Councils. Ctrl-Click on this link for further details and to register. https://stbonsbristol.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=101db1158119d226a226d10c5&id=86a3959e3b&e=fa18f4d8eb Recordings: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3Vk2dbkYsFyP8UW9EKr8tyWiDdtluLci</p>		
8	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>4th March 2026 and not 25th February as previously advised. 29th April 2026</p>		