

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Redacted Minutes Monday 20th January 2025

In Attendance	Fr. Anthony, Fr. Giovanni, John Renn, Joan Blows, Josephine Lewis and Lisa D'Agostini, John Paul Riordan, Obianuju Ochi
Parish Pastoral Council	Uju was welcomed onto the PPC
Health and Safety	Delay in bringing the fire exit gate, at the top of the external stairs from the hall, up to fire and security standard. The Hall Key opens the fire exit gate. Action: remind people who are using the hall to open it and close it when finished.
Protection	John met with Tessa Metcalfe with regards to the administration needed for holding personal information about volunteers. Work in progress. John: following a recent incident, about a cup of coffee during the 9.30 Mass, whereby a man got verbally angry, the kitchen hatches will remain closed until after mass and the hall will be locked. Action: Children's liturgy team to have a hall key. Francis Harvey is helping Diane with safeguarding.
Clergy	Fr Anthony's recent accident in the church highlighted the problem of the hinges on the doors into the Nartex; the spring hinges need repair as a matter of urgency.
Finance Committee	Financial support to help rebuild Fr. James' church in Ghana. Our bishop should discuss it with his bishop. Plan is to fundraise during Lent.
Hall Kitchen	The completion of the hall kitchen works was acknowledged
Readers	Fr Giovanni will arrange a date for a Readers' session with Robert Palmer.
Shrine	Fr. Giovanni thought that the current design was not laid out for group prayer and that the focal point should be on Thomas Becket. John shared his reservations about the design and will meet with Fr. Giovanni to try to take this forward.
'New' Relic of St. Thomas	No further update received from Helen Nattress regarding a meeting date with the museum at Stonyhurst. John to contact Helen
Visitors and Pilgrims	Hall fire safety needs to be in place before we can consider joining The Pilgrims' Network.
Parish Plan	Following the priests' meeting with the Archbishop in Northern France, Fr. Giovanni spoke about the challenges of revitalising parish life. Uju felt it was important to listen to the youth of the parish. John Paul agreed that the Archbishop's Consultation Booklet, 'Called to Bear Fruit', was a good idea.
Celebrating 150 years of our Parish in 2025 Holy Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope	Fr. Anthony advised that various actions were proposed which included cultural events; archive exhibition; walks; interviews by St Anselm' students of older parishioners' memories; the involvement of L'Arche. It is planned to hold monthly '150-year celebration' planning meetings. An exhibition with a historical timeline: Joan Blows will work with Mark Bateson in developing this.
Any other business	Joan will reorganise the work on display in the Narthex. The Catholic Society at UKC will be invited to talk about their Society after the Sunday Masses.
Next Meeting	28 April 2025 at 18.00 at the Presbytery
Finance Committee dates	29 th January, 14th May, 6th August, 5th November