

**Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Draft minutes of a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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**Present:** Father Vincent, Tricia Davies, Elizabeth Hitchens, Kathleen Joyce, Christine Martin, Teresa Quinn, Brigid Rodgers, (Chair).  
Paul Blake (Clerk).  
Louise Brown, (Headteacher of Saint Edmund's Catholic Primary School).

**Apologies:** Tony Matthews, Helen Murphy.

The meeting opened with a prayer at 4.15.p.m.

An open discussion was held by members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Louise Brown, the Headteacher of Saint Edmund's Catholic Primary School, as to ways in which the parish and its school could work together.

Louise Brown reported that Key Stage 2 classes would be attending, in turn, some of the Friday morning parish Masses at the church. It was agreed that it would be good if some parishioners could act as welcomers for these Masses, and if details of these special Masses with a school class present could be publicised in the parish newsletter.

Reference was made to joint shared activities, both social and fund raising, which had taken place in the past, and the need to re-establish parish links with FOSE (the Friends of Saint Edmund's School Association).

A chaplaincy team of pupils had been established at the school and there is a choir club, with the hope that these pupils will in the future be able to sing at the church.

Louise Brown indicated that she would be happy for the school premises to be used for a 'one-off' parish event, such as a training day for readers.

It was suggested that the Parish Pastoral Council could contact the Foundation Governors of the school to see how they could help foster bonds between the school and the parish. For example by ensuring that the school is sometimes included in the Prayer of the Faithful and items being posted on the designated school notice board in the church porch.

Louise Brown stated that she wished the links between the school and the parish communities to grow stronger and the Parish Pastoral Council thanked her and the staff of the school for their work, particularly in fostering the evangelising aspect of the parish mission.

The meeting ended at 5.00.p.m. with a closing prayer.