

Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Walking Together Actions- From the Parish Meeting on 7th May 2022

Theme	Issues raised	Short Term Actions -Within 3 months	Long Term Actions- Within 12 months	Task Group Lead	Commentary
Participation and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel I could do more but don't have the permission to fulfil my full potential Maybe we need a team of people to help the Parish Priests in practical outreach A parish register of skills which is put to use Needs more pairs of hands...don't wait for others to take the initiative Sharing the roles...some people are doing a lot...question of cliques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a list of what sorts of help are needed Develop a Register of Skills, making it easy for people to respond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend SVP to include younger people and schools engaged with Mini Vinnies 		Five people signed up to help with this task group at the Parish meeting.
Learning about our faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are some things on offer within the parish to support our faith journey but we don't all participate Support with discussing the faith or what it means in our lives is lacking Need for more adult education – house groups, bible study groups- other denominations do this better Catechesis of parents so that it begins at home Regular retreats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Study Groups led by someone who knows more Better communication between the 3 Churches. More 'chat' from clergy re. an event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Parish Retreat 		Three people signed up to help with this task group at the Parish meeting.
Family Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are the new Church being formed for the next generation. Consider the 'home' church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a group to progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparents linked to schools and churches to educate young children and increase love of church 		One person signed up to help with this task group at the Parish meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do we need more family masses in church? All age family centred activities I educate my grandchildren re: mass, prayer and religion Important to foster participation from an early age...do more to encourage young families. 				
Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to reach out to young people How do we get the young to go to Mass... and carry the Church forward What roles are there for young people? Need to find a way to get younger people to commit Youth groups more integrated into life of the parish Youth must be prominent in decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase size of the Pastoral Council by 6 (2 from each church) from 18-26 age group to be involved in decision making Develop role of Young People in Reading, Altar Servers, Welcoming, with older Y.P to look after them Specific Adverts for these roles Mentor from school to communicate with students to take views forward to Pastoral Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-establish Youth Group Soli Retreat for teenagers Youth Masses in Lent at SSPP and St Michaels Involve young people in decision making 		Four people signed up to help with this task group at the Parish meeting.
Support for the Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolverhampton almost an epicentre for the poor, marginalised, immigrants, asylum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Collection more visible at all churches- remind people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness and communication of specific 		

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	<p>seekers, economic migrants, disabled and those displaced by family breakdown and abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish does a lot of charitable work...we do a great job on food collection... • We could do more • ...we don't know who does what...issues with visibility...no concerted effort. 		<p>needs that people can respond to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a contact point for families/individuals in need (not just Parish Priest) • Signposting outside of Parish 		
Access and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be more welcoming- need a friendlier atmosphere • Revisiting possibilities for access for the disabled –are our churches fully accessible to a range of disabilities? • Improve Church acoustics - “if we can't hear what is being said... there is no point in being there!” • Better communication-<u>all</u> ways. What are the communication pathways? Is there a way to improve access to information? • Don't assume people know what is happening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review sound systems e.g. Choir area at St Michael's • Pastoral Council reps to monitor 'communications' effective delivery • Specify role of Welcomers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of parishioners of what are most helpful ways to communicate • Readers who use wheelchairs? 		
A Place for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are all born in the image and likeness of God, but the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome all- non judgemental 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of current Church views. Seek general support for them 		Two people signed up to help with this task

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	<p>continues to disapprove and judge, so people do not feel welcomed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women are marginalised in the Church • Not had much clarity from the Church on how to treat LGBTQ people • There is a feeling of hurt and judgement when a person is excluded ... because they are divorced • Could we do more to support ex-prisoners? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions/Complaints box in the porches -to go to Parish Priest /Pastoral Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on inclusivity • Prison Visitors scheme 		<p>group at the Parish meeting.</p>
<p>Parish Liturgy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass is part of what we are, it is part of a communal expression of belief and worship • Need a variety of liturgies. Animate it more, bring a sense of joy and not just duty • Lively Sunday – more charismatic and cheerful • Liturgy [that] is inspiring and engaging whilst retaining an appropriate level of solemnity . • The Church still struggles to balance traditional forms of worship with the needs of the young . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Folk Masses • Gospel Singing occasionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Mass with children serving/performing/reading/ with food afterwards (parents need to be there). NB schools involved • Something to celebrate the contribution of youngsters esp.at 11.30 Mass 		<p>Two people signed up to help with this task group at the Parish meeting.</p>