

# The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Minutes:

Present: Fr Martin, J Carter, A Elliott, S Hoolahan, C Hulley, L Nash, B Payne, T Sealy, and J Hopkins

Apologies: A King

The meeting focussed on a single item of agenda, the second training session led by Joe Hopkins, with the aim of a SWOT analysis of how the five systems of Divine Renovation, Evangelisation, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Worship are embedded within our parishes.

Our parish vision: Jesus Christ calls everyone to experience His transforming love.  
We joyfully embrace our responsibility to proclaim this good news.

## Content of the session:

- Opening Prayer – reflection on the Gospel of the day, followed by open prayer and our Parish Prayer
- Revisiting our vision (as above)
- Clarification of the meaning of the five pillars
  
- A twenty minute whole group exercise carrying out the SWOT analysis of the five systems, with honesty and openness our priorities here
- Brief analysis by the group of the SWOT analysis, consideration of each of the areas with particular celebration of our strengths
  
- Creating our 5-year plan; the objectives for the first year will come out of our identified ‘threats’, and these were summarised as:
  - Fr Martin being moved, although recent moves of priests within the diocese has been limited
  - Lack of volunteers, objective here to identify and develop new volunteers and to pray for them
  - Succession planning, objective here to further develop existing volunteers while accepting and encouraging different approaches and occasional errors
  - Complacency
  - Disappointment with any perceived lack of interest in the efforts to date
  - The health of key individuals

The development of the 5-year plan will be our main focus for the coming year

- Final Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 6.30 – 8.00pm