

St Mary and St Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 28th January 2026

6:00 pm

Venue: The Parish Rooms

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Chair's report.
6. First Holy Communion and Confirmations

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: 25th February 2026

Attached documents: Minutes of November meeting; Meeting dates for 2026

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Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th November 2025 – St Mary’s Parish Rooms

Present

Peter Robinson (Chair), John Savage, Father Paul Johnstone, Gillian Finlinson (Secretary), Barry Close & Sean Close

1) Opening prayer

2) Apologies

Mary Carroll

3) Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes approved

4) Matters arising

Contactless ongoing. The loop system is also ongoing, going to be connected up this week. Lights at Frizington are also still ongoing but will hopefully be fixed shortly. Electricians have been in church and there are still some outstanding works to be carried out. Father discussed the various works. Four adults are to be baptised into church with confirmation on Sunday. Overall we have 9 adults confirmed into the church. Peter to discuss the confirmation programme at a later date, programme due to start in January.

5) Chairs Report

Main discussion around the Bishops visit at the weekend.

6) Bishops Visit

To talk about possible changes in the church. Not a formal meeting but more informal conversations about any changes. Deanery Priests are looking at the possible structure at the moment. Not about closures but what the Priests can do, manage. Within these units then look into the future and what that will look like. Discussion around the number of masses that a priest can say over a weekend. Logistics of masses would need to be considered.

Father raised about the blessing of the headstones within the church grounds. This will take place at Tuesday 25th November at 10.15am.

Date of next meeting:

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Closing prayer

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