

## PPC MEETING TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Apologies from BW ML, TM

Attending FrM, DBT, MOD, KS, SB,

Opening prayer - FrM

### MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING

Fr Michael's Kitchen – The start date for the work is 2nd October.

### ENGAGEMENT WITH THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH/COMMUNITY

Youth - DB has invited a young person to come along to the next PPC meeting that is convenient for them to attend. DB also hoped the person might bring some peers in order to give their views on what can be done in the parish to engage the youth.

It was suggested that the timing of the meeting could be changed in order to accommodate the youth as meetings are usually held at 7pm on a school night and the youth might have homework or other school commitments.

It was noted that DB also needs to ask the St Anne's parishioners who attended the Word Youth Day to come and talk to the parishioners about their experiences at the event.

### ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA

**SOCIAL EVENTS** – several suggestions have been made for social events in the parish. A Live nativity - whereby other churches would be invited to be involved. A discussion was had as to how best this could be achieved. KS said she had a script downloaded from Cafod and DBT suggested we contacted JM to ask if he would like to take the lead in this event.

**PATRONAL WEEKEND** - The hall is confirmed for the Ceilidh and the band is booked – 7.15 music start and food will be provided by Krissie with any unused donated to the lunch on Sunday

Canon Paul Fitzpatrick is away at the moment, but has confirmed his talks will take place at 7pm on Friday with cheese and wine and 10am Saturday with Teas and Coffees afterwards. DB to ask for help setting up on the whats app group.

**THE PRODUCE SALE** – this will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October after 10.30am Mass. MOD has not received any response externally from parishioners – but FrM said he had heard of people who have said they will bring something on the day.

It was agreed that we would start selling the produce from the back of Church after 5.30pm Mass and 9 am Mass as well as the 10.30am Mass

SB to help set up

MOD said she would make cards with a suggested donation for each item – and one reminding people that all monies donated are for CIRDIC

KS responded to a request from parishioners for a sign up sheet for parish lunch which is now filling up nicely.

MOD will say a few words for the AGM and give a summary of the financial report which will also be available to parishioners on the day.

Fr M will also say something about the children's liturgy at the end of the family Mass at the weekend.

**MASSES FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Masses to anoint the sick and the frail will take place at all Weekend Masses on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October – A message will be put out this weekend in the parish what's app group and newsletter asking if anyone needs a lift to the service.

FrM is expecting a good turn out and he has a Jesuit priest coming to help with the 9am and 10.30am Mass

On the 7/8th October Father Joseph Murphy is coming to say the weekend Masses whilst FrM away.

**A DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES** – DBT and FT, MM and JM and SF and JF and a married couple from St Anne's are involved in hosting the day for married couples – there is no agenda, but it is an opportunity to have a time for reflection.

The format for the day is very simple and low key – using music, readings and a time for reflection between 10am-3pm – parishioners attending have been asked to bring their own packed lunch.

## **ADVENT**

In October when FrM returns there will be rosary as usual after the 12pm Masses on Tuesday and Thursdays.

A Live nativity - whereby other churches would be invited to be involved.

DBT has contacted JM to ask if he would like to take the lead in this event. KS said she had a script downloaded from Cafod and will contact JM

There will be weekly Holy Hours during advent on the Mondays of each week

Bishopswood are coming for their usual Christmas Carols on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

St Martin's school will go out to do carol singing to care homes.

BT will take care of printing the Mass timetable card – to give to the school etc.

At the next meeting FrM and BT will finalise the date for the Advent service of reconciliation – 18<sup>th</sup> December

The Christmas pudding making evening take place on 24<sup>th</sup> Friday we will also make puddings for CIRDIC on this day.

SB asked if there is anything happening with Carols – BT will mention it at the next minister's meeting.

The Advent Tree – BT will ask Shirley and Keith

MOD suggested that Post Christmas we repeat the raffle which we had last year and which worked very well as a fund raiser.

FrM suggested doing a raffle at the end of October to raise money for the Christmas dinner

MOD will host a games evening February

KS to ask SR about a quiz and curry evening in 2024

Engagement of the youth will be revisited next meeting

### **AOB**

Money counting and banking – with the closure of the local banks the people helping with the banking must now go into Reading which is time consuming – a discussion was had as to how to address the issues arising and FrM said that this should be a matter for the finance committees to discuss.

A parishioner suggested the idea of growing our own flowers for the flower arranging at Church– it was agreed that KS would speak with the ladies that run the flower arranging and the also the gardening group to see if this is feasible.

**Remeberence weekend** is the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> November the usual services will take place and the blessing of the graves in Kidmore End as usual with details being given in the newsletter nearer the time.

The dates of the next meetings:  
30th October and 5<sup>th</sup> December

Closing prayer - FrM