

PPC Meeting, 5/12/2023, 7.00pm

Present: FrM, MOD, KS, SB, ML (mins)

1. Opening prayer.
2. Apologies: DBT, TM.
3. Matters Arising: none, except items on the agenda.
4. Advent: Advent is short this year and as there are only 3 weekends left, FrM has suggested that Christmas carols as well as Advent hymns are included in the Masses. Thank you to DBT and F. Godfrey for producing the Christmas Services card and to J. Watterton for the donation of candle holders. Advent calendars were distributed to St. Martin's Primary School.
5. Thoughtful Living Group update: thank you to KS for the latest newsletter from the group, which gave information on the funds (over £600) raised for CIRDIC and reminders of ideas to help plan a Thoughtful Christmas. Thank you to MOD for her work with CIRDIC - liaising with them and organising collections of items most needed. Recent appeals resulted in over 80 towels being donated by the parishioners as well as toiletries, items of clothing and food as well as Christmas puddings made by the parishioners at a recent event organised by KS.
6. Social activities: 10th February 2024 is the proposed date for the quiz evening, including a fish and chip supper. Also in February - a board games afternoon with the date tbc and a recycled Christmas present raffle for a charity, yet to be nominated.
7. Year of Prayer: DBT is organising a Sycamore programme to be run at St. Martin's School - date tbc - which should help engage the parish community (see item 9).
8. FrM has written a Pocket Book of Prayers - prayers in the Catholic tradition. Bible Alive will publish it in 2024, but a copyright issue is still to be resolved.
9. Engagement with the youth of the parish/community: a young member of the parish is keen to attend a PPC meeting to discuss ideas of how to engage with younger members of our parish community. DTB to arrange a date.
10. AOB: FrM has made 3 Christmas cakes to be raffled on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 17/12/2023. Tickets to be sold on the preceding weekends and monies donated to the homeless. KS to load the money machine and MOD to advertise the raffle and request volunteers to sell tickets after all weekend Masses on the parish WhatsApp group. FrM and DBT to speak to parishioners who may be interested in joining the PPC.
11. Future dates for PPC meetings: Monday, 8th January and Tuesday, 6th February, 2024 in the presbytery at 7.00pm.
11. Closing prayer. Meeting closed: 7.55pm