

## **PPC meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Apologies from KS, BW

Attending FrM, BT, MOD, TM, SB, ML

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Recruitment – currently recruiting readers and counters. The process is ongoing. There are two parishioners interested in joining the Flower Arranging Group.

No safeguarding volunteers have come forward. ML will attend the Zoom training.

Thoughtful Living Group – no meeting since the last PPC meeting. Parishioners are using the recycling bins.

CIRDIC are very grateful for a recent delivery of underwear – both men's and women's.

The riverbank tidy which was cancelled in June has been rescheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> September. Perhaps it would be a good idea to also promote through the school as this is a family activity. MOD to speak to Juliette Williams.

Young Wives – no progress on this so decided to leave for the time being.

New kitchen – contractor to be contacted to establish a start date (there has been a delay due to family bereavement)

Response to archbishop's letter -this is on hold. The need to involve as many members of the parish as possible means progress during the summer is unlikely.

Social events – KS and MOD to meet to produce an annual calendar to help with planning. At the last meeting a suggestion was made that we should organise a walk to the Oratory School. It was felt that it was too late in the year for this to be planned but that it could be incorporated into plans for 2024. There was some discussion regarding the inclusion of young people with perhaps an element of sponsorship e.g, for Launchpad – a charity that helps the young homeless. SB to investigate.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

First Holy Communion/ Confirmation masses – feedback was very positive. Deborah prepared the First Holy Communicants and those receiving the sacrament of confirmation who do not attend St Martin's. Cath Tilling prepared those who were at St Martin's. The young people made excellent readers, musicians etc during the Mass and participation from the parish filled the church (and the car park!).

Multicultural mass - Yvonne is taking this forward and preparations are advanced. The shared lunch will be outside if possible to encourage people to stay after Mass.

Patronal Weekend - Fr Paul Fitzpatrick will speak on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

- Ceilidh - the hall, band and caller have been booked for Saturday evening (30/9).
- There will be a shared lunch on Sunday after 10.30 Mass which will also include the Parish AGM.
- The Thoughtful Living Group are organising a produce sale to raise funds for CIRDIC (a table to be set up at the parish lunch and parishioners are encouraged to donate chutneys, jams, fruit and so on). MOD to promote the produce sale via WhatsApp and KS in the newsletter

Anointing Mass w/e 15/10 – Fr M said we would need another priest as well as organising transport for those who find it difficult to come to St Michael's. The event will be flagged in the newsletter by KS soon but a bigger push will be needed after the summer (WhatsApp Group and mass announcements). Fr M would be visiting housebound parishioners unable to attend the service in person.

Service for Married Couples – BT described a weekend he had attended with three other couples. They were already friends and had organised a “mini-retreat” which all had found beneficial. 14<sup>th</sup> October was suggested as a possible date for a similar event with a shared lunch. BT to organise this.

Youth Activities – Games afternoons have been very popular and a hike was also discussed (see above). Fr M to ask Diocesan Youth Service for information and guidance on how we can engage with the youth in our parish. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### AOB

FrM had obtained a medal from the Guild of St Stephen for Joe Rush to celebrate his service as a server for 80 years. This had been presented at the 5.30 mass to much acclaim. KS to include in the newsletter.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August