

Minutes for PPC Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2024

Item	Description
1.	Apologies – N/A
2.	The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer.
3.	Present – John Mears, Chris Doyle, Jean Bell, Father Peter, Sarina Bloor, Caroline Mottram, Steve James
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes – Update on Easter colouring competition; It was thought that the Easter colouring competition was a great success. Sarina was to ask school for a copy of the winner's photographs. A decision was made to repeat the activity for Christmas. Dates to be arranged later.
5.	Update from Parish Finance Committee – Finances are in good order. Fr. Peter was advised that money could well be used to re-plaster and paint areas of the sanctuary.
6.	Parish social – A suggestion of holding a parish food festival with bouncy castle on Saturday 13th July before schools close for the summer, was made. Father is to mention it to the parishioners on Sunday. Tickets to be given to any wanting to attend so that numbers will be known. Sub-committee meeting to be held 28th May 7pm in the community room to flesh out any details.
7.	Youth Worker update from Sarina – Children's Liturgy is being run regularly on a Sunday morning (term time only) with 2 or 3 children regularly attending. Feedback seems to be welcomed by all parishioners after the offertory. The children are very enthusiastic and a variety of activities are completed for the children to take home. So far, the Holy Tables in each classroom have been added to and a variety of extra items have been added to each teacher's resource box. Two projects are currently being developed: 1. A display for the front entrance area

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	<p>2. Prayer bags are being set up for each class, to encourage children and parents to write their own collective worship. Both projects are almost completed.</p> <p>Whilst in school, Sarina makes sure that children see her around and that she chats to as many as she can. On Ascension Thursday, Sarina helped walk the children to and from church to raise her visibility. Her next plan is to introduce herself in the whole school hymn practice so that the children know who she is and why she is there.</p>
8.	<p>Liturgy developments –</p> <p>Numbers of congregation members seems to have levelled off. Communion under both kinds is now being given on Saturday and Wednesday masses.</p> <p>There is a need for more Eucharistic ministers to come forward to administer to parishioners who are unable to come to mass.</p> <p>As a Friday mass is being held at St Luke's Chapel at the hospital, it has become unviable to hold a mass in church on the same morning.</p> <p>The idea of bringing back personal petitions on the end of the bidding prayers was raised but the reason it was dropped was because very few people spoke up. The use of the special intentions book is hoped to be increased instead.</p> <p>Father was in favour of re-introducing the idea of altar servers. It was thought to introduce the idea gradually and see if any of the older children would be interested.</p>
9.	<p>Preparation for the General Election –</p> <p>The idea of holding a husting in the community room was brought up. It was wondered if either speakers or electors would turn up.</p>
	<p>Date of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuesday 9th July- Tuesday 17th September <p>The meeting closed by saying the Hail Mary:</p>