

St Joseph's Pastoral Council Virtual Meeting 28th April 2021

Present: Peter T, (Chair) Fr John, Deacon Hugh, Lesley, Pete B,
Peter E, Irene, Richard M, Johanna, Mary

1. ***Peter T expressed heartfelt thanks on behalf of all the PC members to Mike Cooper, who has decided to step down from the Council. Mike will continue to be involved with stewarding, reading and Eucharistic ministry.***
Grateful thanks were also expressed to Irene for all her work with 'Chat', which has kept parishioners (and others) connected, informed and amused over the past year.

2. **Minutes of 24th March:** approved. Minutes will now be available on the website

3. **Matters Arising:**

The CAFOD appeal raised £2250, enough to purchase three water pumps.
There has been no further information from CFoC with regard to meetings.

4. **Brief Reports/Updates from members:**

Finance: The next quarterly update for parishioners will come out in June

Accompaniment: Next meeting: 11th May. The team are working on an action plan.
Peter E has met with the chaplains at St Peter's twice.

Eleven parents have asked for Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion- a whole new community. All of them have been visited at home.

Safeguarding: Major changes taking place at national and diocesan level (Report sent earlier by Lesley)

Year of St Joseph: Hugh, Peter and Chris Bryden have been preparing Mass for St Joseph the Worker on 1st May, with a new picture and candle and details of a novena in honour of St Joseph. Hugh asked for further ideas for ways to celebrate the Year of St Joseph, especially involving the children. Another celebration is planned for the summer (outdoor mass?) restrictions permitting.

EST: (Richard) A Lourdes project involving Year 10 pupils at St Peter's, as well as young people from other schools, is planned for May 2022. John Murphy is leading and the launch is set for Pentecost Sunday, with speakers arranged. A Day of reflection for EST members is planned.

'Let us Dream' On 24th April, seventeen Catholics joined a similar number from the Priory in a follow-up meeting with Canon Charles and Austen Ivereigh (co-author of the Pope's book) Canon Charles is keen to develop a joint ministry serving Christchurch together and would like to organise a joint pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi at some point.

Parish Development - Managing Transition

The rest of the meeting was devoted to future planning, given that Fr John's time with us is likely to come to an end around Summer 2023.

Key points as follows:

- It is likely that we will share a priest again with Highcliffe, so we need to consult with them about ways we can build on the good practice already embedded in both parishes
- The two parishes each have their individual strengths and charisms; Fr John values and applauds this- and is keen to see these distinctive differences maintained
- We have embraced the Divine Renovation model of parish leadership, which the Bishop favours
- Our Mission statement is all about outreach and making disciples, but we need the right resources and people to carry this forward
- The age profile of current leaders is a concern: we have potential leaders out there, but evening meetings will be necessary to bring them on board
- A small group from each PC plan to meet to share aspirations for the future and put this in writing by the end of May; facts and figures will be very important
- We will pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit- and trust that a way forward will become clear

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7.15pm

(Emma and Juliette will attend to discuss ministry to children and young people)