

St Joseph's Pastoral Council Virtual Meeting 24th June 2021

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

1. **Opening prayer:** Johanna
2. **Minutes of 2nd June:** approved
3. **No Matters Arising**
4. **Parish Development:**

a. Ministry to families, children and young people:

Peter E has met with Emma and Juliette twice

There has been quite a lot of **feedback** to the presentation

It is important not to lose momentum now; regular reminders and updates required

Display boards may be used: one for Youth and one for Families, updated regularly

At mass, there may be **testimonies and thanks** from the young people confirmed

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 16th July – Evening for potential Confirmation candidates; some of this year's candidates will come along to support. There will be a leaflet advertising events

Saturday 14th August- Youth Event in the hall: 'I am so many things'

Data Management and Admin Support:

Updating the Pamis database is an issue for the whole community

Pamis is no longer suitable, but it is available and keeps information centrally;

Wendy and Theresa are able to input data.

Data can be held at home if password protected (Johanna has FHC data at home)

Action: Richard will ask Theresa if she will take on the task of updating the database.

Safeguarding Requirements

Where a group is all together in a public setting, with other adults present, no DBS checks are required. If a one to one situation is a possibility – eg taking a child to the toilet – then a DBS is required. Currently, the Diocese is not carrying out any DBS checks. A safeguarding leaflet explaining what volunteers can and cannot do would be helpful.

Family/Youth Worker:

The current team will operate for 3 – 6 months, giving time for a more permanent infrastructure to be set up

A job specification can be prepared by the current team, with a focus on the hours required (start small and build up as the role develops)

Funding is available now for 20 hours per week for 3 months – fixed term

Action: Peter T, Peter E, Fr J and Hugh will prepare a tendering advert

4b. Accompaniment: The team will meet with Liza and Clare from the Diocese on 27th July

4c. Managing Transition: The Bishop will meet to discuss with Fr J on 16th July

5.i. Finance:

Hall bookings, bricabrac, social events are all needed to boost our income

5ii Foodbank: Work on converting the old church is about to start.

5iii Changes in the light of the new guidance:

No signing in is working well on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Altar servers are happy to return

5iv CFOC: Peter T is waiting to hear when the next meeting will be

5v Year of St Joseph: A joint parish/school event will not take place until September

5vi EST: Peter T asked for ideas about a forum where the six parishes could meet

6.Fr J: Matters of the Moment:

Funeral ministry has been re-ignited by Judy and Joan, with others possibly joining in the future and the potential for post-funeral bereavement support.

Family Liturgy included two adult confirmations and five child baptisms- lots of excellent feedback received by Johanna

7. AOB:

Tech Matters:

Two people have stepped down from the team and Pete B is concerned about having enough trained people able to manage the TV screens and livestreaming. **Do we need an appeal?** After 19th July, we should be allowed to have more than one person in the tech booth and this will help.

There is tech money available for two new screens; one of the current screens will be placed at the back of the church, so that those on the altar can see the words. The spare screen could be placed in the narthex.

PC People: Irene reminded us that we need to approach others to step up and join the PC

First Holy Communion

Johanna asked what will happen now; parents are already asking about next year

Diaconate training: Richard is reaching the end of his first year of training.

Next meeting: Thursday 22nd July at 7.15pm