

St Joseph's Pastoral Council Meeting 2nd September 2021

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

Minutes of 10th August were agreed and there were no matters arising

Reports

First Holy Communion:

Mary shared the parent-centred approach developed by Johanna (with support from Mary) over recent years, and especially during the Pandemic, when only zoom meetings were possible and families were visited on the doorstep. This in turn led to the idea of an online Family Liturgy each week; an opportunity for families to gather virtually, share the Scripture and pray together. This approach is completely in line with the PC focus on welcome, accompaniment and evangelisation.

Follow-up comments:

- We cannot expect that things will be the same, with Johanna and Mary stepping back. Any programme need not start until January
- In Canon Law, it is the parish priest who determines if a child is ready for FHC; age 8 is not fixed- sometimes it is better if the child is older
- We need to take a 'holding position,' and meet with parents in October to explain the situation, as we seek to discern the way forward.
(Further discussion to take place at support meeting)

EST: Peter T reported that John Murphy wants current members to step down_and replace__ with a younger, dynamic person.

Alpha: The next course will be advertised in the newsletter and from the lectern on Sunday. Kevin Butler has prepared a testimony to be read on Sunday

Finance:

Parish overdraft is currently £49,500

Youth ministry funding is suspended for now, given Fr John's situation

There is no job description and no contract for youth ministry at present

Peter E is meeting regularly with Emma and Juliette

A.O.B

Parish Social on Sunday 5th September at 4pm, with Prayer and Adoration at 5pm

Next meeting: Thursday 2nd September at 7pm in Parish Centre