

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting: **Wednesday 15 December 2021, 1.00-2.30 pm**

*"We are a people called to live and proclaim the Gospel and make disciples."*

## MINUTES

Opening Prayer (PT)

**1. Present:** Peter Thomson (Chair), Dcn Hugh Parry, Mary Thomson, Lesley King, Johanna Mills, Peter Evans, Irene Cradick, Pete Barry. **Apologies:** Fr John Chadwick, Wendy Wadsworth

**2. Minutes** of 24.11.21 agreed

### **3. Matters of the moment** HP

- The **office** will close at lunchtime on Christmas Eve and re-open on Tuesday 4 January. The phone will be monitored throughout. Office staff have been offered the opportunity to work from home but have declined, as they need access to office equipment.
- **Saturday** evening Masses, in the present circumstances with declining attendance, this will be considered in January.
- **PAMIS** needs to be refreshed to be fit for purpose. Proposed this be undertaken in January.
- **SYNOD** Becoming urgent that a person is identified to co-ordinate this initiative. Highcliffe started with a Day of Reflection. Several names were suggested: **PT** to follow up.

### **4. Reports from members:**

- **Finance:** IC Figures for November had been shared. With various R&M bills and no Gift Aid payment, nearly £2,000 was added to the debt since the start of the financial year. Income/expenditure is finely balanced and little likelihood of fundraising opportunities, until Bric a Brac can open. The parish update will be issued in January. **IC**  
The need for a lead fundraiser for the Youth Project was emphasised. **PT**
- **Food Bank** LK Gratitude was expressed for the opportunity to visit the lovely new Food Bank premises. 84 turkeys being delivered on Christmas Eve, with parishioners volunteering

### **5. Updates**

**Christmas arrangements** PT – It was decided that it was too short notice to introduce booking for Christmas Masses. Christmas vigil Mass (available whenever it is wanted on Christmas Day) and Sunday morning Mass will be live streamed. People will be encouraged to attend not more than one of the Christmas Masses in person. Awareness that more changes may be necessary. *Subsequently: in the present situation, a recommendation was received and implemented to: re-introduce the 2 chair gap, cancel teas/coffees until further notice and children's/teen's liturgy during Mass this Sunday.*

**Parish newsletter** will be issued Friday 23 December to cover two weeks.

**6. Pastoral Council – Recruitment:** Informal approaches have been made to two people.

Recognised the need to focus on under 50s in all age brackets. **PT**

*Chair:* PT due to step down in January. Suggestion made that the post should rotate among members, until it is filled.

**7. AOB: Ananias course:** MT Very successful, last session completed. Suggestion that it should be the focus of a community drive. **MT** asked to formulate proposal. Success of HR cited to support Day of Reflection for general renewal for Pastoral Council and Parish.

**Date of next meeting:** Zoom: *Wed 19 January at 7pm.*

Closing Prayer (HP)