

ST ALBAN AND ST STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report from the meeting on 19th May 2021

The PPC continues to meet monthly during the lockdown using Zoom technology.

PPC team: As a reminder, the following people make up the PPC: Fr Michael, Fr Julian, Deacon Steve, Peter Berners-Lee, Stan Grabecki, Ann Hill (Secretary), Dave Markham (Youth team rep), David Myles (Vice Chair), Melanie O'Neill (Chair), Anne Romain (J&P team rep), Sylvia White (Mission team rep). Sara Nash attends as needed for Liturgy team items. There is a vacancy for a Parish Friends rep.

Parish Assembly: Hilary Topp, the external facilitator, joined the meeting to present her summary of feedback received from the parish groups and individuals on Fr Michael's vision statement. Overall, the vision was well received, with some differences of opinion on a couple of points. The summary will be published to the parish, along with Fr Michael's proposed priorities for the parish, based on the feedback, and other materials on 30th May. These will form the basis of the discussion at the Parish Assembly on 12th June (Zoom meeting) and repeated on 3rd July (face to face meeting).

Parish Assembly Planning Team: a sub team of the PPC is working with Fr Michael to plan the details of the Assembly with the help of the external facilitator. The team members are Ann Hill, Dave Markham, David Myles, Melanie O'Neill and Sylvia White. Please contact any member of the team with any questions you may have.

Lent and Easter Services: The PPC agrees that the services held in Lent and during Easter had gone exceptionally well, and Fr Michael, Fr Julian, Deacon Steve, Sara and the Liturgy Team, the musicians, readers and Pat O'B in particular were thanked for their excellent contributions in making Lent and Easter such a success in these challenging times.

Posters: We now have some lovely welcoming and encouraging A0 posters on the front wall of the church building and we thank Mike, Sylvia, Peter and Tom for brightening up the outside of the church.

Sacraments:

Confirmation: It is with great joy that Confirmation of our young people has taken place recently.

First Holy Communion: The final group of children due to make their FHC in 2020 will receive the sacrament in July 2021. This year's programme is underway.

Strategy Groups: reports were received from Liturgy, Mission team, J&P team, CTSA and City Centre Churches. Thanks to each group for the work they continue to do for the parish.

Sunday Masses: Following further easing of restrictions on movement from the government, new procedures on holding public services in church have been received from the Diocese. It is hoped to reintroduce the 8am Sunday Mass from 5th June.

Sunday Parish Virtual Coffee Break: continues at 10.30am to 11am via Zoom. Details under Parish News on the website.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14th July 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be the final meeting of the current PPC and it is hoped that it can include a social event at Melanie's home.