

**Minutes re PCT mee -ng
in Church Hall at Immaculate Conception on 27th April 2022
@7pm**

1. Present:

Merlyn Soutar, Pauline Bradshaw, Brian Mar5n, Julie Hughes, Iona Craig Fr Jim Lawlor, Mark Wilson, Catherine McGhie, Ka5e Lamb, Stephen Hayes & Eileen Low

2. Apologies:

Frances Toner & Simon Hay

3. Minutes of mee2ng on 2nd Feb 2022

Accepted with any ma1lers arising to be discussed during the other items on this agenda.

4. TWMM

Iona reported on progress and developments:

- a) Database now has 666 and 506 on the mailing list - mail out of electronic bulle5n well received and cuts down the number of hard copies needing to be printed weekly. Mailchimp info suggests that 60-70% are opened and read
- b) Joint working with Holy week services with much focus on the gathering of info for the Synod response from IC
- c) Wellbeing Fund £10K to be used for a number of areas of development eg rental of a pop up facility youth work a men's group some hospitality and a contribu5on to staff salary. Bookings have been made for a barge trip on 30th July from Stables near Kirkin5lloch and 6th August for another such trip from locks at the white house aimed more at young people and families. More info to follow. The men's breakfast group due to commence in mid May at Tesco cafe on Saturday mornings for an hour from 9am. We are inves5ga5ng the acquisi5on of some sort of mobile cart facility to allow us to access different areas within the community where we can set up basic refreshments and offer a chance to get together out in the general area. Possibility of offering a breakfast club over the summer school break to families with children is also being examined to be based perhaps in the Wyndford. Time limited should hopefully make staffing such a venture easier to achieve. IC will check with Jim Hamilton that we are not duplica5ng stuff that may be being offered by EG G20? Discussions of other sugges5ons were made and will be explored.
- d) Li1ler pick was successfully undertaken at Glenavon Flats and we now have Hi Vis jackets with the TWMM logo to use at these and any future events.
- e) Youth Alpha is ongoing at MPC and IC and JH reported back on the project - approx 11 young folk were engaged and it is to be hoped they will remain connected and perhaps become involved with MPC summer camp which is hoped to be run during the week of 8th August

5. Parish calendar & Events

Fr J outlined the main upcoming events -

- a) first communions and 2 confirma5on ceremonies in May & June
- b) Syndod synthesis discussion 8th May at 12 noon
- c) Visit of Therese Mema Mapenzi SCIAF board member to speak at masses on 15th May followed by sale of crag work from the survivors of Gender Based Violence in DRC. Fr J keen to host this and perhaps the J&P group might assist.
- d) Interna5onal Mass on Sunday the 29th May at 11am
- e) Parish Fete 18th June - sign up to volunteer!

6. Minibus

Fr J reported on the new arrangements for offering transport to frail parishioners:

- a) Contract has been arranged and has been working for the last 3 weeks to bring 5 to 11am mass with an escort to assist and support. S5ll in its infancy and a few teething problems but looks like it will be at a cost to the parish of about £25 per week or approx £1250 per annum. Even if we required to have a second taxi should numbers increase, it would s5ll be significantly less expensive than the running and maintenance of the minibus.
- b) It is hoped that the SVDP will help with some financial support towards the new arrangement.
- c) Steps are being taken to sell the minibus and it was suggested that vehicles such as this could be easily adapted to form camper facility which might be a more a rac5ve prospect. BM volunteered to look into this & will report back.

7. Synod Response synthesis report:

Lively discussion ensued!

- a) 23 ques5ons on original paper were placed into ten broad categories which were set out with a parish view followed by a view of the wider church.
- b) A total of 80 fact based responses were received from across the board, represen5ng approximately 13% of those who a llend. Whilst this was seen as less than ideal, given the 5me constraints it was hard to see how we could have done anything differently. To these responses comments obtained from the 4 sessions during Lent were also added. A small subgroup from this commi ll ee plus several addi5onal contributors from the parish were enlisted to collate and come up with what was thought to be a true reflec5on of as wide a group as possible that were canvassed.
- c) Broad themes of Inclusion, Clericalism role of laity and women emerged
- d) Belief that an execu5ve summary of the broad outline is needed to preface the report and SH undertook to do this and circulate to the commi ll ee asap. In the mean5me the report, which was seen as capturing the essence of feeling, will be made available via the email distribu5on list, as well as to all those who contributed. Comments from the wider audience can be obtained from the mee5ng scheduled for the 8th May at 12 noon, when members of this commi ll ee will be on hand to assist in ge ll ng any comments and points together to add to the exis5ng report, so it can be submi ll ed without further delay. Pat Baird has been tasked to ensure that the final submission is gramma5cally correct.
- e) Our report will be submi ll ed to the Archdiocese and this group then wants to have sight of the report the Archdiocese submits further up the line
- f) This process now begun is a journey and the listening should be informing ways we as a parish are hoping to develop - training, developing leadership skills amongst the laity connec5on to different stakeholder groups by carrying forward the big themes and big messages at parish level.

8. AOCB

9. Date Time & Venue of next mee ng

8th June 2022 AT 7PM