

Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill
Tuesday 16 May 2023

Present: Pauline Bradshaw, Iona Craig, Julie Hughes, Fr Jim Lawlor, Catherine McGhie, Savannah McKibbin, Brian Martin(chair), Isobel Sergeant, Merlyn Soutar, Stephen Towie and Mark Wilson.

Apologies: Clare Smith and Frances Toner

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March were agreed and appropriate items carried forward to the main agenda.
2	Fabric and Finance The work to the dormer window and the guttering had now been completed the cost was £1,400 which was less than the original estimate. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the smoking shelter for outside the hall. Isobel Sergeant will order and arrange for invoice to be sent. Consideration will be given to purchasing wooden benches from Boomerang a local company. Once the smoking shelter is in place the fire alarm and security alarms will be activated. Father Jim confirmed that the problem with the church alarm was now fixed. A Fabric and Finance meeting will be arranged in due course.
3	Visioning the Future Update Brian reported on the meeting held by the Archbishop with the 5 Deanery Councils (made up of Parish Priests and parish representatives) to look at the future of the archdiocese. In summary the Archbishop was clear that it was not about what parishes are closing but Evangelisation – how can each deanery bring renewal to parish life? Collaboration – how can parishes work together to support each other better and the resources needed in each deanery to serve the process of evangelisation and collaboration. A number of speakers had outlined the process and the importance of looking to the future not focussing on the past or taking a parochial view, building and renewing our parishes, difficult decisions needing to be made with courage vision, generous spirit and effective listening. A full ranging discussion took place on the current position in the diocese and the implications for our own parish. It was agreed that some work had already been done for example links with Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church, pop ups, breakfast club and live streaming. Other opportunities were planned such as extending the availability of live streaming and advertising it more widely, providing services to the local sheltered

	housing complexes. It was emphasised that although it looked as though a managerial approach was being taken it was crucial to remember that a personal interface needs to happen as our community is the most important resource. It was agreed that the work already done in relation to the synod can't be lost sight of. A number of suggestions were made on how to ensure the whole parish were given the opportunity to input to the response to be considered by the deanery council. It was agreed that Father Jim's homily would be on this topic on Sunday, the full document and a summary document will be drawn up to be issued at each mass. PCT members agreed to let Iona/Catherine know which mass they would be able to attend to help with the distribution. The parish response would be discussed at the Deanery Council meeting on 30 May with a response on behalf of the West Deanery to be sent to the Archbishop by 18 June.
4	General Review of the Parish Pauline reported on the very successful visit of the Archbishop on 25 April to confirm 59 P7 children from 3 parishes and 10 schools. The children were impeccable and there was a real quiet peacefulness in a very busy church. It was noted that the first communions will take place on 20th May and 3rd June, with 18 children from St Mary's and 6 other schools receiving the Eucharist for the first time on 20 May and 22 children from St Blane's on 3rd June.
5	Summer Fete Planning Some changes were suggested to the leaflet to advertise the fete which will take place on 10 June. Donations were already flooding in. Father Jim will arrange a meeting in advance of 10 June for them to be organised. In advance of that Isabel volunteered to help with sorting out some of goods that had already been donated.
6	Grant Application Catherine explained that following a meeting of Together We Make Maryhill it was agreed that it would be useful to put together a report of the activities that have taken place in the parish over the last year. Although it was originally to support future grant applications it was felt that it would also be useful as a resource to issue to people to let them know about the life of the parish. Catherine will circulate the draft report to team members for information and comments.
7	Youth Mass and Follow Up The youth mass on 23 April was very well attended and the feedback had been really positive. It was agreed that a similar event should be arranged around the start of the new term with possibly a ceilidh or bowling night. Discussion also took place on organising activities over the summer holiday possibly in conjunction with Maryhill Ruchill Parish church's holiday club. The age group was 7- to 13-year-olds and consideration will be given to linking with the young people who had just been confirmed.
8	Together We Make Maryhill The Breakfast Club, Warm Welcome and Men's Breakfast are continuing to be well

	supported with 30 to 40 attending the Warm Welcome on a regular basis. The Breakfast Club has 50 to 60 regulars and the Men's Breakfast around 30. Informal evaluations have been carried out on all three projects and the results are really positive with people saying how much they valued being able to attend these events. Although the Warm Welcome was originally only for the winter months given its success it is planned to keep going over the summer in the hope, we might get children coming during the school holidays. It was hoped to arrange a joint outing with Maryhill Ruchill PC over the summer. It was felt that we should do something different from the canal trips of last year to allow more people to take part. Discussion took place on the possibility of arranging a boat trip on Loch Lomond. The cost of hiring a bus had greatly increased and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next Together We Make Maryhill meeting.
9	AOCB It was felt that some work was needed to keep the parish website up to date and to maximise its potential. Although Frances had recently added in information on up-and-coming events there were still sections missing. It was suggested that Father Jim check out the statistics on the number of hits to the website to see how many were accessing that information and if possible, arrange for the small website group to update it.
10	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting was agreed for Thursday 22 June at 7pm in the church hall. If appropriate contact will be made by email following the meeting of the West Deanery Council on 30 May.

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