

St. Vincent's Parish Pastoral Council 27/07/2022.

Present: Father Walsh; Russell Brynes (chair); Catherine Evans; Columba Timmins (minutes).

Apologies: Theresa and Dominic Rice; Peter Delamere; Kathleen Baster.

Meeting not quorate, but decided to follow through agenda without making radical decisions.

Matters arising: we have the right email address for MH. He and CH have told Columba they access the minutes through the parish website.

Father has had discussion with a Franciscan lay missionary who is to speak after Sunday masses one weekend in September about mission, and who will talk to the Franciscan Friars about giving a mission for the parish.

Open Parish Meeting date set for Wednesday 14th September 7.30 in the hall. Theme: How to renew and develop our parish after the pandemic. Father Walsh will make this a notice after Masses and encourage people to attend.

Agenda proper:

The meeting of **Communion Ministers** has taken place and Dominic communicated results of discussion to Russell. Dominic has queried training for extraordinary ministers with Kevan Grady of Diocesan Formation team – none arranged at present, but might be arranged in the autumn. There needs to be a general appeal for more Communion ministers at Mass, along with personal approaches to individuals. Reaffirmed that visiting to take Communion to someone's home must be done in pairs. The accompanying person does not need to have a DBS check. Paired visits are becoming standard for lay home visits done under the auspices of the Diocese.

Dominic will proceed with arranging a meeting for readers.

Catechists: no new applicants for CCRS course and Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. We have one parishioner applying.

Alpha Course touched on; The Hub on Solly Street a venue for this.

Season of Creation: September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Could the parish mark this in some way? ? Service outside; ? Taize service.

Assessing interest in the parish registering for a **Live Simply Award** could be part of the Season's effort. It would need to have Father and the parish community to be supportive of it. An item for the open meeting in September.

Cafod's Fix the Food System campaign fits with the Season of Creation: the treatment of creation and food as commodities to be exploited is causing desertification and famine. Marie M and St. Justin's group will arrange an event explaining the issues. To take place in October.

Heatwave: the church hall was air conditioned and open for the 2 days of the heightened heat, with an invitation to the parish and general community to come in for the comfortable temperature. Other buildings in the community were also available including St. Thomas'. To be considered again for further extreme weather events.

Relics of St. Bernadette: will be at St. Marie's Cathedral Tuesday October 4th at 6pm. Russell will provide some information for the parish website on the relics during the 6 weeks of prior to their arrival in the Diocese.

Road Closures: Community meeting took place in parish hall. Much opposition expressed. Letter from parish sent to Sheffield Council from Russell, and Father sent another to be read out at the Walkley Community meeting.

Syrian Refugee family –the **Home from Home Hallam** group is helping them settle in. Proceeding well.

Cleaning: Stock of Zoono for monthly application to pews etc in church is coming to an end. Those at the meeting did not think it necessary to continue with applications.

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