

REPORTS for PPC Meeting Monday 6 November

Altar Serving – Ivor Clarke

Please report that over the last few weeks six boys and four girls have trained as altar servers and will be introduced to their duties over the next six or seven weeks. They will all be officially welcomed on Sun 3rd December, 1st Advent.

This will bring the total to 32.

St. Peter's Outreach Justice and Peace Group - Norma Daniels-Emm

John and Jeanine Byrne very generously donated a framed limited edition print of John's painting of Billy Connolly to be raffled in aid of SCIAF. The parish, as usual, was very generous in its response and the £755 was raised. As a result of Volunteering Sunday we had 4 new people helping us to sell the tickets.

The refreshments provided by parishioners on Doors Open Day raised £139.52 for SCIAF.

The Harvest Festival raised £520.35 for SCIAF. Many thanks to Annie Royan and the Hospitality Team, the children from St. Peter's Primary School and parishioners, who donated produce.

Several carloads of goods have been delivered to the FreshStart warehouse.

Liturgy Links /Liaison Group -- Report on meeting held in Parish Library on Monday Sept.25th 2017.

(1)*Opening prayer* This was offered for Maria McCann's mother and for the McCann family.

(2)*Composition of the Group.*

We invited and welcomed Sophie Bennett to this meeting as matters relating to music at Sunday Mass are on our agenda.

2 members wish to withdraw from the Group because circumstances dictate that they will not be at St.Peter's very much, if at all, in forthcoming months (or for longer).

Maria (McCann) - for reasons of family health: and Hannah (Knowles) - studying in Leeds.

The Group is considering potential replacements who could be approached to represent --

(a) Parents with school-age children (b) Youth /Altar servers.

(3)Brief updates on several longer-term issues /matters.

(a)Altar servers - safety issue on Sanctuary, appropriate seating, additional tasks.

(b)Lady Altar /Chapel - long-term development as envisaged by PP - also Fabric committee.

(c)Flowers in church - suitable box being sought for financial donations.

(d)Readers' movement to and from the sanctuary - will liaise with Peter Nicholson.

(4)Pauses for reflection during the Liturgy of the Word?

Fr. Kevin wondered whether this could be considered. A number of points were made during the ensuing discussion; might be considered again after further consultation.

(5)Matters referred to the Group by the Parish Council.

(a)Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father will include remarks on this in a forthcoming sermon. Thereafter, if there seems to be a call for a full "session" for interested /concerned parishioners on this, such will be organised, probably before a mid-week Mass.

(b)Music at Sunday Mass.

One or two individuals have proposed the reintroduction of *organ music* at Sunday Mass, and using a professional /paid organist. During a full discussion of these proposals, Sophie Bennett detailed her views and others put points, some on behalf of other members of the Music Ministry and some for the Welcome Team and parishioners at large.

The Group agreed unanimously with Sophie's position - that the organ (still used at funerals /weddings if desired by the families involved) should *not be* reintroduced at Sunday Mass unless a suitably qualified *parishioner* comes forward who is willing to work in full collaboration with /under her and with the Parish Music Ministry.

The meeting gave its full backing to the current *Music Group* which is doing an excellent job, clearly much appreciated by the parish community. It did not feel that more *Latin* content should be introduced, there is sufficient already, and it was interested that Sophie was thinking of reintroducing alternative Masses, as we had in previous years, though the current official English translation of the Mass poses some problems.

(c)Sunday Mass at St. Peter's - timing and frequency?

11.30 am is inconvenient for numbers of parishioners although others have now become used to it and like it. In fact, given the PP's commitments in St. Columba's, it is in practice unavoidable. The Group accepts this.

Many have requested a 2nd Sunday Mass for the parish and the Group has consistently backed this proposal. A Vigil Mass on Saturday evening could now be a possibility - Fr. Douglas is open to this and so is the Archbishop - if enough

parishioners desire /would support it. The best time, to avoid clashes with neighbouring parishes and other activities, might be 6.00 pm (or maybe 6.30)? The Group recommends that a very brief questionnaire on this matter be attached to the parish newsletter for 2 successive Sundays in the nearish future, to provide the Parish Council and the PP with the wider parish view on the matter.

(6)*Closing Prayer* - to Our Lady.

Ian Stewart ("Reporter" for the Parish Liturgy Links /Liaison Group)

Library Working Group - Bruce Royan

Short update to follow.

Doors Open - Liz Brown

We had 194 visitors this year, taking the total over three years up to 650. Seems a strong case for repeating again in 2018!

Eco-Congregation - Liz Brown

- Linking now with St. Peter's Primary School to assist in the School garden. Thanks to Aga Allen, pupils came in great numbers to Harvest Festival celebration. They participated in Children's Liturgy, in the Offertory Procession and also helped in the sale of produce after Mass.
- Tattie Talk and supper organised by Shelagh McGhee was a great success. Held at Lauriston Hall, and with support from Sacred Heart, St. Peter's and St. Albert's, over 100 people attended from a wide range of churches and other groups. £1200 was raised for Mary's Meals.

Readers - Peter Nicholson

As regards a report from the Readers Ministry, Volunteering Sunday was again a success with three people coming forward, though one of these has since had cold feet. The other two both say they have previous experience, and Fr Douglas has delegated their induction to me. Janet Katamba will read for the first time on Sunday 22 October (she was due to practise after Mass on the 15th but was unwell, so we will meet early on the 22nd), and Pamela Nelson-Shaw on Sunday 19 November following a practice on the 12th.

This does no more than compensate for a couple of people who have left the team in recent months, so I will not refuse if anyone else expresses an interest

Parish Website - Juliet Mackellaig

You might like to point out that the homilies are now up on the website ...5 Sundays in all now. The quality of the recordings has improved gradually as I have learnt how to do it - so hope to continue that improvement! The page is getting quite alot of hits.