

Parish Team Meeting - 28/10/2019

Members present:

Father Stan
John Allinson
Evelyn Brooks
Jean-Sixte D'Hendrecourt
Jo Hipgrave
Nancy Johnson
Stan Wilson

Apology for absence: June Carmichael

The meeting was opened with prayer and a bible reading.

1) Logistics:

- a) it was agreed that the Parish team should meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Agenda items should be submitted through the Parish Office. The minutes of each meeting will be published on the parish web-site, and a printed copy placed in a file in the Advent Room.
- b) It was agreed that the parish should be represented at the Pastoral Area Strategy meetings.

Action SW

2) Adoration:

An update was given on Adoration and its organisation.

The issue of the safety of those attending was raised, particularly about the locking of the door. It was agreed that we ask for urgent action to purchase and install a lock with a code pad for the side door.

3) Opening of the Church:

There was discussion about the issue of keeping the church open during week-days. It was agreed that when Mass and Adoration are not in progress, access to the church will be through the side door, which will remain unlocked until the office closes. There will be a notice on the main door to this effect.

Arrangements will be made to ensure the door is locked on Monday afternoons.

Action: SW

4) Children and Youth formation

a) Eva Nora is now leading the Youth group, which meets after 11am Mass on Sundays. More potential leaders are being approached.

b) Father Stan is offering Adoration for children after 11am Mass.(1 decade of the Rosary and 10 minutes Adoration)

1st Holy Communion update.

The catechists this year are Bernard Osei, Tony Barnet and David Roper.

Father Stan aims to visit each family at home for prayer and discussion.

Parish Advent Retreat:/Mission & Formation:

Father Chris Jorrosz will lead an Advent Retreat. Father Linus Clovis will lead a programme of Parish Mission. There will be a day of Formation on November 30th 2019.

Parish General Meeting:

Thirty -two parishioners attended the meeting; the feedback was generally very positive, with several people commenting on the value of the shared discussion groups . During the meeting Father Stan outlined the plans for the next year and identified the Eucharist, Marian Devotion and Adoration as our priorities.

Music in the Parish:

Father Stan thanked the people involved with music in the church. He outlined the situation concerning music at the 11am Mass. It was agreed that volunteers should be sought to lead our music. There was discussion about the possibility of paying an organist/ music director to lead the music during mass.

Action: Father S

Challenges in the Parish:

Father Stan reported that he had been contacted by an S.V.P. volunteer from Corpus Christi in Wokingham. He told Father that a parishioner of our church is being visited and supported by a volunteer from Wokingham. It was agreed that we should try to re-instate the S.V.P. in our parish.

Action:J.A.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 26th at 7.30p.m.

Matters to be considered will include:

- i. The Web-site and revision of parish groups
- ii. Children and Youth Altar servers group
- iii. Scouts in the Parish life
- iv. The Parish and the Social Club

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.