

Minutes of Parish Team Meeting 17/12/19

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Members present:

Father Stan; Jo Hipgrave ; Nancy Johnson; Jack Noronha.

Apologies for Absence:

John Allinson; Jean-Sixte d'Hendrecourt .

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Music group: Father Stan said he had been very moved by the attitude and enthusiasm shown by the music group; all agreed that it is important that the congregation gives support and encouragement to the group.

Nativity Play: Jo reported that more than 12 children had volunteered to take part in the play (to take place at 4-30 pm on Christmas Eve). Dorinda Bray is organising the music for the play.

Poetry competition : several children have submitted delightful Christmas poems; it was agreed that all the entrants had worked very hard and would receive a gift.

Rorate Masses: The weekly Masses have been well attended .

Advent Retreat: The Advent Retreat, led by Father Chris has been a resounding success ; those who attended the sessions felt the teaching was very thought-provoking and inspirational. It was agreed that in the New Year an invitation would be extended to the parish to set up a Reading/ study group to continue the learning.

The Giving Tree: The Parish has responded very generously to this year's charity appeal (New Beginnings)

Christmas Plans:

The Nativity play will lead into a vigil Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We agreed that this Mass should be promoted to and invitations issued to elderly parishioners - next year we will promote earlier , contacting nursing homes etc.

Adrian has agreed to help with music over the Christmas period.

The church will be decorated by the flower- arranging group and Mrs Gibzinski..

Any other business:

Father Stan raised the suggestion that the Parish team should have an e-mail address to which parishioners could address queries, questions and complaints/compliments. This was agreed .

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9 -50pm