

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill
Thursday 25th April 2024**

Present: Pauline Bradshaw, Julie Hughes, Fr Jim Lawlor, Catherine McGhie, Savannah McKibbin, Clare Smith and Stephen Towie.

Apologies: Iona Craig, Brian Martin, Isobel Sergeant, Merlyn Soutar, Frances Toner and Mark Wilson.

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of January 18th were agreed and appropriate items carried forward.</p>
2	<p>Visit of Archbishop Nolan 11/12th May 2024</p> <p>The Bishop will arrive in the Parish on Saturday afternoon and will attend the Novena and the vigil mass. The Parish Team are invited to eat with the Bishop in Chapel House on Saturday evening. Sunday masses as normal. Tea with regular mass attendees after 9 AM mass and tea as normal after 11 AM mass. The HTs of the 3 schools will be invited. The last CAT club before 1st Communion will take place at this time. In the afternoon, the Bishop will accompany Fr Lawlor on visits to sick parishioners and the visit will conclude after the 5.30 PM mass.</p>
3	<p>Update on “Looking to the Future”</p> <p>A meeting was held on April 22nd for the Deanery. Parishes have been arranged in ‘tiers’; with tier 1 being a parish in which the PP would definitely be replaced if needed, tier 2 replacement to be reviewed in 2 years and tier 3 parishes where the PP would not be replaced. Immaculate Conception has been designated as a tier 1 parish. A summer timetable for masses has been discussed to provide cover within each cluster and allow each PP a month off.</p>
4	<p>TWMM</p> <p>Iona’s full report is appended to this minute.</p> <p>Upcoming events include the Pentecost Picnic (May 19th) and Teen Ranch (June 21-23rd).</p> <p>Notable mention to the successful bid to the Evangelisation Fund. Thanks to Catherine for her work on this.</p>
5	<p>Sacramental Update</p> <p>36 children for First Confession in March. 46 children for First Communion in May (18th) for St Blane’s and June (1st) for St Mary’s and children from 10 additional schools. The First Communion CAT club sessions began on April 21st with the second and third sessions on April 28th and May 12th, respectively.</p>

6	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>The annual audit is due at the end of May. There are a number of changes to the safeguarding process.</p> <p>There is a need for every volunteer in the parish to have some form of check; from an identity check to PVG, depending on role.</p>
7	<p>Volunteer Needs</p> <p>There is a need for volunteers for catering and hospitality, amongst other roles.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the need for a caretaker for the grounds and estate. This could be a part time, paid role involving checking the buildings and grounds, carrying out any minor repairs/upkeep items and coordinating other repairs etc..</p>
8	<p>Fabric and Finance</p> <p>Parish funds are healthy with £50K placed in a high interest account and £40K in the working account.</p> <p>Parish accounts and e-banking are managed via Parish Pence software.</p>
9	<p>Parish Fete</p> <p>The Fete will take place on June 15th. Organisation is very important this year as Father Jim will (God willing) have had his surgery and be less mobile in June.</p> <p>A risk assessment of grounds and first aider on the day are needed.</p> <p>An organising meeting will take place on May 8th at 7PM in the SPRED room.</p>
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Thursday June 27th at 7PM in the hall.</p>

Together We Make Maryhill Update – 25/04/24

Women's Time Out

We had our latest event on Saturday just gone (20th). Jean Urquart came to give a presentation of Souls of our Shoes – an interactive information session on domestic violence from an interfaith perspective. It was a small group who gathered but it was much appreciated by all those who attended and a thought-provoking discussion was had around the experience and effects of domestic violence on the victims and their loved ones.

Easter Pop Up

We held our Easter pop up on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. We took our usual spot in the ASDA carpark and handed out teas/coffees, biscuits and hot cross buns. We also gave out goodie bags for kids and information packs for adults with details of the Easter services between the two churches, the Warm Welcomes and other activities and a palm cross. The event went well and we handed out over a hundred bags and packs. The Archbishop also paid us a visit at the beginning of our session, taking the time to talk to volunteers and shoppers.

Evangelisation Fund

We have an application in with the Archbishop's new Evangelisation Fund and have now been moved to Stage 2. We have asked for roughly £9,000 to put towards the Holiday Club, Seasons for Growth, the Warm Welcomes, the Men's Breakfast, the pop up and next year's calendar. As well as developing work with young people and the new housing at the Butney. We are waiting for news on this and hope to hear soon whether or not we've been successful.

Seasons for Growth

Helen and Wendy are in the process of organising their first run of the programme. Seasons for Growth is about dealing with loss of any kind but we have decided to focus on bereavement in particular to begin with. Fr Jim and Stuart have spoken to people who have been bereaved in the past year or so and a number of people have signed up. There was some difficulty in landing dates and times which suited everyone as it involves being able to commit to four sessions of three hours. These are now booked in and the programme will begin at the end of May.

Teen Ranch

This trip is booked for 21-23 June. We currently have 15 young people signed up. We will be going at the same time as the Boys' Brigade from MRC and will be sharing a bus with them. We have two leaders from the Immaculate signed up to help out and we are in the process of getting their PVGs sorted.

Bulletin

In February, Google and Hotmail upgraded their security measures against spam and this had an effect on anyone who sends out mailshots. Iona is no longer able to use her Gmail account as the sender email as it needs to be an organisational email address. This meant that the mailshots had to be switched to Fr Jim's account and work carried out on the RCAG domain by the Archdiocese's IT support. This has finally been resolved and we are now able to once again send out the bulletin electronically.

Bank

The TWMM is successfully up and running and both the Immaculate and MRC have now done the sums as to how much of their funds belong to TWMM. This money has all now been transferred to the TWMM bank account and funds are healthy with over £30,000 in the bank.

Pentecost Picnic

The next date in the diary is our Pentecost Picnic, to be held after 11am on 19th May. Plan A is to set up a couple of tables by the tennis courts in Maryhill Park and offer a simple

lunch and tea and coffee for both churches after their morning services. Plan B, if the weather is miserable, is to offer the same but inside at MRC.

The Warm Welcomes and Men's Breakfast continue as normal and are all going well.