

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting  
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Present: Pauline Bradshaw, Fr Jim Lawlor, Brian Martin, Catherine McGhie, Savannah McKibbin, Clare Smith, Merlyn Soutar, Frances Toner, Stephen Towie and Mark Wilson.

Apologies: Iona Craig, Julie Hughes.

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup> were accepted.</p>
2	<p><b>a) TWMM Update</b></p> <p>Iona's full report is appended to this minute. The success of the Pentecost Picnic was highlighted.</p> <p>The Holiday Club will run again this year in the first two weeks of August. There will be a creche for nursery age children, one week at Immaculate Conception and the other at Maryhill/Ruchill.</p> <p>A suitable date for an Immaculate Conception volunteer thank you was discussed .</p> <p>The Newman Association have requested a presentation on TWMM for a session in their upcoming programme. The programme is hosted by Immaculate Conception and the TWMM input is pencilled in for February/March 2025.</p> <p>September 2024 will see the 3<sup>rd</sup> year anniversary of the launch of TWMM. A review of the successes of the last 3 years with a look to the future of the project will be carried out and discussed at the Parish AGM.</p> <p>A range of volunteers are needed and a 'sign up Sunday' was discussed. Liturgical volunteers are required for the vigil mass. Groups, such as Justice and Peace, require volunteers to resurrect.</p> <p><b>b) Parish Fete</b></p> <p>Took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. The weather held and the community attended in great numbers. The clear up was excellent – thanks to those volunteers.</p> <p><b>c) Synod Update</b></p> <p>A conference on Scotland's synodal journey was arranged by Open House at Clyde Street on June 8<sup>th</sup> with a good representation from the Parish.</p> <p>The conference is described by Mary Cullen in the June edition of Open House (<a href="http://www.openhousescotland.co.uk/">http://www.openhousescotland.co.uk/</a>). Sister Gemma Simmonds' Powerpoint presentation on discernment from the day is appended to the email with this minute.</p> <p>A Parish debrief on the conference, and the synodal process was held on June 19<sup>th</sup> and a further reflection on the process will take place at the October retreat. The output from the synod, particularly our Parish response, should inform the development of our Parish.</p>

<b>3</b>	<p><b>Update on “Looking to the Future”</b></p> <p>Each parish in the Archdiocese has been assigned to tiers 1 (stable), 2 (review within 10 years) or 3 (priest not to be replaced/closed). The list is with the Archbishop.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception is tier 1.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Sacramental Update</b></p> <p>8 children Baptised.  42 children First Reconciliation  45 children for First Communion  42 children Confirmed</p> <p>The CAT club sessions were very well attended and engagement was good. Thanks to Frances, Pauline, Laura and Donna.</p> <p>Although the lack of attendance from families after sacraments is disappointing, the fantastic efforts led by Father Jim, and enacted by the Parish volunteers, to ensure that all are welcome – at any time – are acknowledged and much appreciated.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Planning for October Retreat</b></p> <p>Conversations about the Retreat content are ongoing.  Transport needs to be booked.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding update</b></p> <p>The annual audit was submitted. There are no issues of concern and minor action points to be addressed.</p> <p>Risk Assessment guidance is awaited. A programme for Risk Assessment will be provided for the next year.</p> <p>The processes around safeguarding are complex and ever-changing, thanks to Pauline for all her work here.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Fabric and Finance</b></p> <p>Parish funds are healthy with around £53K in working account and £50K invested.  £49K in renovation fund, earmarked for front stairs.  £30K in TWMM funds.</p> <p>Volunteers, with a range of interests/expertise are required for Fabric and Finance group.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Future activities TWMM</b></p> <p>3 year review.  Holiday Club.</p> <p>There will be a pop-up at the Cadder Gala Day on June 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Hoodies available now.  A General Election Husting, organised by local churches, was held on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 attendees and good representation across the political parties.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the hall.</b></p>

# Together We Make Maryhill Update – 27/06/24

## **Pentecost Picnic**

This turned out to be a great afternoon. The weather was kind to us (the sun didn't show but it stayed dry) and members from both churches were able to enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake while chatting together on the bowling green in Maryhill Park. The event was well attended and even drew interest from those using the tennis courts alongside us.

## **Seasons for Growth**

Helen and Wendy are now in the middle of their first programme. They had hoped for a group of six but it has worked out as being a group of four. Nevertheless, they are very happy with the group and the programme seems to be going well.

## **Volunteers Week**

We marked Volunteers Week at the beginning of June by inviting our TWMM volunteers to a meal at the Killermont Polo Club. Around 60 people attended in the end and it was lovely for people to mix, meet other volunteers and just be treated to a nice evening out with good people and good food. We took the opportunity to ask the volunteers present for some feedback on their experience volunteering with us and it was overwhelmingly positive. A lot of people expressed appreciation at being able to give something back to their church and community.

## **Teen Ranch**

After much toing and froing with numbers, we ended up taking away 15 young people (alongside two boys from the Boys' Brigade and Iona, Jim Hamilton and Cyro as leaders). Not everyone knew one another, though there were some connections via John Paul Academy and not just through the churches. The weekend went very well with everyone enjoying themselves and having a great time doing all the various activities. The weather was warm and mostly sunny, which helped everyone to enjoy the outdoor games, kayaking, horse riding, BMXing, archery and air rifles. There were three 'Time Out' sessions over the weekend where a speaker (who turned out to be someone who works at SCIAF) reflected on Christianity, who God is and why we need Jesus.

## **Women's Time Out**

Last summer we went on a trip to the Women's Library and this year we have decided to join in on an event happening at the Bield. We've chosen Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July as Louise Younger (formerly of the parish) will be hosting that day. It's a chance to learn how to "read" icons and spent some time in reflection, while also enjoying the grounds at the Bield. This has been a fairly last minute decision so we've booked ten places and are looking to fill them quite soon.

## **Newman Association Talk**

We have been invited by the Newman Association to speak at one of their monthly meetings and tell our story of Together We Make Maryhill and our ecumenical working. This will be in the new year, mostly likely their February meeting. Stuart and Iona have also been asked to speak at two Church of Scotland conferences – one in September and one in October of this year.

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