

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting  
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Present: Iona Craig, Julie Hughes, Fr Jim Lawlor, Brian Martin, Catherine McGhie, Savannah McKibbin, Isobel Sergeant, Clare Smith, Merlyn Soutar, Stephen Towie and Mark Wilson.

Apologies: Pauline Bradshaw, Frances Toner.

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Minutes of the meeting of June 27<sup>th</sup> were accepted with an amendment to the date of the Cadder Gala Day.</p>
2	<p><b>TWMM Update</b></p> <p>The Women’s Time Out to the Bield was a success with 8 women participating.</p> <p>The Breakfast Club and Warm Welcome are back up and running after the summer break. The Warm Welcome was busy and pupils from John Paul Academy Caritas class were welcomed for their Parish Faith Witness.</p> <p>Partners from Maryhill/Ruchill continue their work with women prisoners.</p> <p>The Pop Up at Cadder Gala Day was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>A total of 66 children attended the Holiday Club in the first two weeks of August. There were two groups of children (under 5s and primary age) attending week about at Immaculate Conception and at Maryhill/Ruchill. 22 adult leaders, 19 young leaders and 10 kitchen volunteers were involved. The Holiday Club had another successful year.</p> <p>Activities and events for young adults were discussed. Maryhill/Ruchill have had a Sunday PM youth group that looks to be re-vamped with a fortnightly gathering for young leaders and the alternate weeks for a gathering for younger children. A Friday evening event is also planned, based on the Iona Community’s youth service.</p> <p>Several ideas for the young adults at Immaculate Conception were discussed. A social even at the end of September to include the various groups of young people associated with the parish (e.g. the young people who visited Lourdes and Malawi). The ‘Youth Zone’ at Sacred Heart Kildrum was noted as providing a physical space for young people, a model to be considered.</p>
3	<p><b>Review and discussion of TWMM at 3rd year anniversary</b></p> <p>Mark shared his thoughts and enthusiasm for the review and forward planning for TWMM. Thoughts that were prompted by the planned presentation for the Newman Society in February 2025. Mark shared some resources used in community work for ‘Training for Transformation’ providing a potential model for evaluation and forward planning. The vision (‘guiding star’) for TWMM was discussed and the opportunities provided by the review to articulate and communicate the vision are welcomed.</p> <p>The importance of building community was discussed in light of the call to evangelisation and the focus on this in the Synod. That people are comfortable and feel welcomed is a significant success.</p>

	<p>It was felt that a meeting with our Maryhill/Ruchill partner was essential in planning the way forward. A joint TWMM meeting with the PCT and the Kirk session at Maryhill/Ruchill was proposed.</p> <p>A celebration of the 3 year anniversary will be discussed at the next PCT meeting.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Sacramental Update</b></p> <p>Frances provided a written report on the plans for the Sacramental preparation in 2024/25. Key dates below.</p> <p>Enrolment mass @ 11AM 27<sup>th</sup> October for all families with return of enrolment forms.</p> <p>Baptism; meeting, CAT and rehearsal 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, with sacrament that same week.</p> <p>Reconciliation; CAT at 11am mass on the Sundays of 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> February &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> March, sacrament on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Confirmation; CAT retreat day on a date between 29<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November. Sacrament is pencilled for 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, this is in the school Easter holidays.</p> <p>First Communion; CAT at 11am mass on the Sundays of 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> May, sacrament on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. It was proposed that families sign up for each of the days, rather than dividing by school groups.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Planning for October Retreat</b></p> <p>Retreat will be at Schoenstatt on 26<sup>th</sup> October. 35 seater bus to be booked imminently.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding update</b></p> <p>2 new volunteers in the parish have completed safeguarding course.</p> <p>The archdiocese office has been asked to clarify position re PVG for Thursday and Tuesday Club volunteers.</p> <p>A safeguarding statement will be published on website. A designated phone number/SIM for safeguarding is required.</p> <p>Thanks were offered for the Holiday Club organisation.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Fabric and Finance</b></p> <p>Staircase plans are ongoing.</p> <p>There is an issue with the alarm(s) in the hall. The damp course in the chapel house has been worked on.</p> <p>There is an increasing need for a Hall manager - a paid position on a part time basis. A business model is needed to move forward with this.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Jubilee year 2025 – Pilgrims of hope</b></p> <p>Several pilgrimages were proposed for the Jubilee Year; to Iona, Lourdes and Rome/Assisi.</p> <p>The Jubilee Year will be discussed at next meeting.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Review of public worship (introduction of new lectionary)</b></p>

	<p>The return of elements of public worship (sign of peace and offering of Precious Blood) are being discussed.</p> <p>There is a new translation of the lectionary coming in Advent 2024.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Jesuit missions 'sustainable supper' event</b></p> <p>Lynn McWilliams from the Jesuit Missions has made a request for support. This would be in addition to our principal support for SCIAF.</p> <p>An sustainable picnic and worship has been proposed, this could be a youth event and built into next year's calendar (possibly February).</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Almost 5000 parish brochures have been distributed in just over a year. In planning a new brochure, a direct call to participate could be included. Suggestions for inclusions in the new brochure should be send to Catherine.</p> <p>A social event to thank Immaculate Conception volunteers was proposed for January, to be held in the hall.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 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.