

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill
Wednesday, 15th January 2025**

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

Apologies: Merlyn Soutar, Frances Toner.

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	<p>Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the meeting of August 29th were accepted.</p>
2	<p>TWMM Update</p> <p>The Breakfast Club and Maccy CaFFY continue successfully.</p> <p>The Christmas Pop Up was another success.</p> <p>The planned Women's Time Out had to be cancelled due to the weather. To be re-arranged.</p> <p>Christan Unity week will run in the week beginning 20th January. There will be a faith sharing event each day of the week in St Gregory's, Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church, Findlay Church and Immaculate Conception.</p> <p>TWMM will be the focus of the Newman Society meeting in February. There will be a planning meeting for the presentation after the St Gregory's Christian Unity week event on Monday, January 20th.</p> <p>Seasons for Growth, the Bereavement Support Group will run sessions starting on 5th March. There are 4 sessions in each programme.</p> <p>A joint meeting of the Immaculate Conception and Maryhill Ruchill parish teams was held in October 2024. A list of ideas for future initiatives was generated during this meeting (to be shared with PCT members). A monthly craft evening on a Monday beginning in February was one idea proposed. Another proposal was to host welcome events for new communities in the area, such as when new housing is built.</p> <p>Plans for a Youth Alpha group are in place. We currently have a youth group which is technically run by the teenagers for younger children, but we lack younger children. The Youth Alpha group will be offered to the older teenagers to see if they'd like to do that instead.</p> <p>The steering group for TWMM met on 14th January. While there is funding available for the overall project, funding for specific initiatives e.g men's breakfast is coming to an end. One further grant application has been submitted and it is hoped to submit further applications over the next couple of months.</p>
3	<p>Fete planning/Synod</p> <p>Most fete planning will take place closer to the date. It was noted, however, that there is an Archdiocese Synod open house meeting in Clyde St. on the same date (14th June). Brian and Julie have been attending this series of meetings on the Synod. It</p>

	<p>was noted that we will come back to a discussion of the outcomes of the Synod at a later meeting.</p>
4	<p>Church cleaning/volunteers</p> <p>Father noted that many of the groups that support the work of the parish, including church cleaning, are heavily reliant on a small number of very faithful senior parishioners. The cleaning group have been joined by new members but there is still a need to both encourage new volunteers and to maintain an up to date database of existing volunteers.</p> <p>Several groups have Whatsapp groups to organise for any cover required (e.g. for readers at the 5.30 PM Sunday mass). It would be good to extend this to all masses and volunteer groups. The database would also provide a means to contact volunteers (Savannah volunteered to create this database).</p> <p>A volunteers thank you event is planned for 20th September 2025.</p>
5	<p>Parish Pilgrimages/July bus run</p> <p>The Iona and Assisi/Rome pilgrimages are booked.</p> <p>A bus run in July was discussed, recalling previous successful runs to Balloch with a BBQ and boat trip included.</p> <p>This led to a discussion of a series of pilgrimages, in the form of walks around Glasgow. Walking from the Immaculate Conception to Glasgow Cathedral with stop at buildings of note along the way was one suggestion. This discussion focussed on the inclusivity of a range of walks in the spirit of the Holy Year.</p>
6	<p>Holy Year/Year of Jubilee</p> <p>The plan is to have an event each month to keep in mind the Holy Year theme of Pilgrims of Hope. There will be an input early in Lent on the theme of Hope.</p>
7	<p>Sacramental update</p> <p>The calendar for the sacraments and the CAT clubs is out. 9 children were baptised in the Parish on January 12th.</p> <p>Reconciliation; CAT at 11am mass on the Sundays of 9th, 23rd February & 2nd March, sacrament on Sat 8th March.</p> <p>Confirmation; Sacrament on 27th March</p> <p>First Communion; CAT at 11am mass on the Sundays of 27th April, 11th & 18th May, sacrament on 31st May.</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>From 2026, PVG will need to be renewed every 5 years.</p> <p>The annual audit is due in March/April.</p>
8	<p>Fabric and Finance</p> <p>Finances in good shape. All bills paid.</p> <p>Staircase plans are ongoing. Smaller jobs, such as a railing to ease access to the</p>

	<p>altar need done. The groundsman service has been suspended for now due to a significant increase in cost (£3K p.a. to £5.5K p.a.). The overhanging branches from trees have been dealt with.</p> <p>The south facing roof area on the church buildings could make a very good return with solar panels and battery, in addition to the critical environmental message. Brian will make enquiries.</p> <p>Specific expertise is required for Fabric and Finance (accountancy and engineering). The request will be made via the bulletin and by Father Jim at Sunday mass.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>2 new volunteers have come forward to be the SCIAF reps and will attend the SCIAF event in preparation for the Lenten appeal.</p> <p>To coincide with the International Day of Prayer for the Sick (the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February), the 11 AM mass on Sunday 16th February will be a mass for the sick. It is hoped that our housebound parishioners can be helped with transport to the church for the mass with tea afterwards. The SVDP can provide the list of housebound parishioners. The young people in the Lourdes group will be asked to help with the tea as a fundraiser.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th March at 7PM in the hall.</p>