

Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill
Thursday, 15th May 2025

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

Apologies: Isobel Sergeant, Merlyn Soutar, Frances Toner.

Item	Summary of Discussion
1	<p>Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the meeting of 19th March were accepted.</p>
2	<p>TWMM Update</p> <p>The Breakfast Club and Maccy CaFFY continue successfully.</p> <p>The Easter Pop Up was another success with good numbers of volunteers and visitors to stall.</p> <p>A second series of Seasons for Growth, the Bereavement Support Group, has been completed. 4-5 adults attended. There is a need to train another volunteer and someone has come forward to do this.</p> <p>The People Make Maryhill Award ceremony will take place on June 6th and the Maccy CaFFY has been nominated.</p> <p>The Women's Time Out session will take place on Saturday 17th May. Isobel Smyth will present on interfaith.</p> <p>The Pentecost Picnic will take place after 11AM mass on 8th June. Hope to repeat the success of last year's event.</p> <p>Planning for the Holiday Club is underway. It will be one week (4-8th August).</p> <p>For Laudato Si week, there will be a session in the Mackintosh Halls on 27th May.</p> <p>The accounts for the calendar year of 2024 have just been returned. There was approximately £58K brought in and approximately £43K spent. The fantastic impact from a relatively small outlay (e.g. £1100 for Holiday Club; £1300 for Men's Breakfast and £7K for the Warm Welcome) was discussed. There are further funding bids in submission.</p>
3	<p>Fete planning</p> <p>The significant work will be just prior to the fete, and on the day. The items that need to be booked (e.g. bouncy castle, BBQ) are booked. Several new stall/stands were discussed to promote aspects of the Parish, such as TWMM, SCIAF, SVDP. A leaflet illustrating Parish activities could be produced for the day.</p>

4	<p>Parish Pilgrimages</p> <p>The Iona pilgrimage was a great success.</p> <p>The Assisi/Rome pilgrimage is booked and there will be a meeting in early June for pilgrims.</p> <p>A summer event for families was discussed with thoughts of having something local. The idea of a walking Pilgrimage in Glasgow, to the Cathedral, for example was discussed.</p>
5	<p>Volunteers</p> <p>A volunteers thank you event is planned for 20th September 2025 with a buffet, drinks and dancing. There was some discussion about the number of volunteers being too many for the event to take place in the hall. An up-to-date database of existing volunteers is needed (Savannah volunteered to create this database).</p>
6	<p>Holy Year/Year of Jubilee</p> <p>A number of events took place during Lent and Holy Week which were very well attended. The Firecloud event, Taize evening and the Penitential service were especially successful.</p> <p>The Archdiocese has arranged for each Deanery to visit the Cathedral one night during the Jubilee Year. Our Deanery night is the 2nd June.</p> <p>Justice and Peace Scotland (parishioner Andrew Smith is the communications lead) with Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees have requested that Immaculate Conception host an event during Refugee Week in June. The interfaith service, Together for Sanctuary, will take place on June 19th at 7PM. Parishioners from the 26 countries that make up our Parish Community will be invited to bring food representing their countries of birth/heritage. Parishioners with origins in Uganda, El Salvador and Ukraine will be invited to share their stories on the night.</p>
7	<p>St Vincent de Paul Conference</p> <p>Two members of our SVDP Conference, Theresa and Mark H, were welcomed to the PCT. Theresa and Mark provided an update on the work of the conference in the Parish. Most of the people helped come via referrals from the foodbank. The St Blane's 'Mini Vinnies' are an active group. There was some discussion about raising the profile of the great work of the SVDP in the Parish and a short presentation at Sunday masses was suggested. An insert in the bulletin, with the dedicated phone number was also suggested. The end of mass collections could be re-instated.</p> <p>The SVDP Afternoon Tea will take place on 6th September. There is a local group meeting on 19th June at St Gregory's and the Parish Conference will be represented at the National Meeting in September in Stirling.</p>
8	<p>Sacramental update</p> <p>36 children will make their First Communion on 31st May across two masses that day. The associated CAT club for this sacrament has been well attended and successful.</p>
8	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>The annual audit has not been requested. There are no outstanding issues.</p>

8	<p>Fabric and Finance</p> <p>The re-configured Fabric and Finance team met and a list of works required has been prepared. The list has been prioritised in line with a risk strategy indicating the works that need to be carried out in priority order.</p> <p>Finances in good shape with approximately £140K in the accounts.</p>
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The website is in need of a refresh – this item is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that Ecumenical activities be added to the standing agenda. Mark W outlined the recent activities from the churches in Maryhill. The Ecumenical Service during Holy Week was a lovely, well attended event. A meeting with Elspeth Glasgow was suggested to explore widening the Ecumenical activities beyond Maryhill.</p> <p>Isobel suggested continuing the prayer groups that had met in Lent. It was suggested that Advent could be a good time.</p>
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 28th August at 7PM in the hall.</p>