

## Pastoral Team meeting for the Month of May 2024.

- **Invitation to become involved in Parish Ministry:** Notice in bulletin and forms made available – closing now to prepare new rotas for June-December. In St. Mary's we had: 6 Eucharistic Ministers, 2 Collectors, 2 Readers, 1 Bereavement Team and 1 Usher new volunteers. In Holy Cross: 1 Eucharistic Minister, 1 Collector and 1 Usher
- **St. Peregrine Novena:** Excellent. Uplifting experience. Tea and chat – not rushing off. Hearing personal stories. We were encouraged by how both areas of the Parish were involved in both churches. There is to be no 'borders'. We were encouraged by all age groups to be involved. More attention needed to car-parking at Holy Cross. The refreshments at the back of St. Mary's and on the final night was greatly appreciated. The presence of other Christian Church members was to be acknowledged. Reference to the Petition Boxes to be made, a box on each door coming into the Churches, 4 boxes. Speakers personal story was appreciated and reference to God too. A hymn booklet and cantor would be helpful. Novena Team to promote the 4 days at the Masses. More School involvement. Make an annual event. 5 nights next year
- **Family Fun Day: Everything in place, all first communicants and Confirmation children to be especially invited.**
- **Student's Mass;** Good response to sponsor names. Candle and prayer card to be given on the day.
- Blessing of the Graves 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> July – Bereavement Team to organize. **Team now up and running. Two members spoke about their work on local radio. Two members have already prayed the prayers at the graveside on their own.** Recruitment ongoing for Bereavement Team. Would need 8 – 10 people. Requires an older person to join the team / not working.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

