

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

We welcomed Beena Joseph representing the Indian Community to our Pastoral Team

- **Harvest Thanksgiving Mass:** Arrangements in place in both Churches. All produce will be given to the local food bank after the Masses.
- **St. Peregrine Mass:** Going well. Increase in numbers, a lot of people from outside of the parish. Posters and social media helping
  
- **Youth Ministry:** advised that we get a group of 16 year old and to train their in leadership and practical youth ministry skills. A youth training called Youthlink will do that for us. All three secondary schools will be asked to nominate 5 of their students.
  
- **International Mass:** Promotion in full swing. Representatives to be invited to get involved on the day in the Mass. Invites going out through the schools, posters in every business etc.
  
- **Palm Sunday:** Need to proactively recruit local contacts and begin to meet in the new year. Our role is to get people to do these things – identify people in the areas. Need to identify the areas – a committee of contacts. Each contact will invite people to get involved, make a cross, say the first station in their own area and then move to Holy Cross. List of names of a contact for each of the housing developments to be ready for December to they can be met in January
  
- **Hymn Book:** Note in bulletin encouraging greater involvement in the choirs and for ideas of what hymns to include.
  
- **John Paul II:** St. Kevins have set up their own group. We will write to all on our Baptismal register inviting to form a Parish group.

- **Bereavement Training:** Introductory session over, 4 more training sessions to occur. 12 Parishes now involved, 50 participants,
- **Information: we need to set up** a planner for the year ahead

Blessing of pets to take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm in front of Holy Cross Church. Prayer and treats to be given.

- **John Bennett Report:** Review of our work. Look at again to keep ourselves focused. Keep on agenda
- **Baptisms:** Baptismal Team agreed to go with Sunday as an option for Baptism and an annual Blessing of babies will happen at end of the year

P7 children reading the Prayers of the Faithful will start this weekend

1<sup>st</sup> years from last year interested in continuing to read. Rota to be set up.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Meeting for International Mass: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

**Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**