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<p>5 Report of preparation for the sacraments of children and adults</p> <p>BM and Fr. M commented on how successful the monthly Sunday school for preparation of First Holy Communion and Confirmation had been in increasing the numbers of families who attended mass on those weeks. They had been beneficial in promoting discussions and building relationships within the groups. New parishioners to the area are to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation in the church this Easter. All agreed how energising it is to see enthusiasm about becoming a Catholic.</p>	All
<p>6 Organisation of Easter celebrations</p> <p>Fr. M suggested we all could benefit taking time out for quiet reflection and asked us to consider being part of the 'watch of prayer' between 9.00- 12.00pm. on Maundy Thursday which is often overlooked as a significant part of Easter.</p> <p>Easter vigil mass Saturday 15th April to start after sunset at 8.15 pm JC and RW volunteered to help with the fire pit</p>	All
<p>7. Dealing with hardship in the Parish</p> <p>There are more families in need within the parish since the reduction in housing benefits being paid. At least 3 families in the parish are benefitting from the hardship fund and the parish foodbank but further ideas to help us identify those in need and provide help are required. Providing food vouchers, and a possible communal allotment in the Church grounds to offer self help were suggested as well as discussing with other foodbanks how their systems work and how much input would be required. BM also commented on how difficult various residency applications were for both those trying to complete them and those trying to help them. Another benefit of having a parish co-ordinator / secretary would be someone to signpost parishioners to the most appropriate place to help them.</p>	All
<p>8. Summer Garden Party Sunday 2nd July 2017 (Feast of the Precious Blood)</p> <p>To take place after 11.15 am mass, school to be involved with readings etc. PC proposed a firm plan needs to be decided at next meeting and tasks agreed by all so we do not run out of time. PTA to be invited to confirm their role and input as their organisation made the last event a success.</p> <p>Suggested tasks for the day include: marquees for food and drinks, all to bring a shared plate, organising tables, providing cutlery, plates and drinks. Cake stall, hogg roast?, bouncy castle, outdoor games e.g. Jenga, connect 4 etc, first aiders, stewards for parking and rota for setting up / tidying up.</p>	PC

<p>9. AOB Christian Aid week 14th -20th May 2017</p> <p>JC asked for volunteers for door to door envelope delivery and collection, 30 needed to cover the streets allocated this year. Last year was the worst so far and other churches have decided not to do it this year due to the hostile reception from some streets. We are the only Catholic church still collecting in Coventry but it was agreed that it shows witness to the faith and cause and sets a good example.</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>AOB New items to discuss</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>LC asked the PPC if there would be any objections to a new statue of St Anthony (Patron Saint of lost things) donated to place in the church. All agreed it would be welcome. Fr M. suggested it could be linked to teaching about the saint.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>10. Reflective formation (The Sacred Paschal Triduum)</p> <p>The evening ended with reflection on the Easter reading from the prophet Isaiah 'He was pierced through for our faults'. All took turns to read a paragraph.</p>	<p>All</p>

Future meetings:

- **Wednesday 3rd May 2017 @ 7.30pm**
- **Thursday 8th June 2017 ? TBC**
- **AGM Sunday 11th June 2017 after 11.15 Mass**