

Present: Paola Casagrande, Fr Michael, John Corroon, Laura Crowe, Robert Welsh, Michael Tourville, Clare Kirrane, Claire Groves, Sean Turley, Barbara McGowan

Apologies: Lil Creagh

1. Prayer

2. The Homeless Shelter at All Souls

In addition to the members of the PPC, a further 20 people from All Souls, local churches and the Iqra Centre were in attendance as Chris, Chief Operations Officer for Hope projects and Bernardo from CWNS talked about the process of setting up a Night Shelter for one evening a week at All Souls from December - March 2019, 2020.

A number of those present had lent their support this year either in carrying out duties or assisting in providing the evening meal. The project is a franchise – each venue operating independently but aims for consistency across the venues in the city in terms of values regarding 'guests', and volunteers, the overall timetable, numbers on duty, setting up, providing the evening meal, breakfast and snack for the following day, tidying away.

A principle concern is to address some of the causes and effects of homelessness and ultimately to enable guests, signposting them where needed, to move into their own accommodation, seek health care, access employment. This year 23 people were able to move into their own accommodation.

Careful risk assessments are carried out on each of the guests ensuring the venue is a safe place. Volunteers are required to provide references; leaders of shifts/coordinators are DBS checked.

Some adjustment will have to be made to the public liability insurance of the premises as they will be in use overnight.

Training will be available in the early autumn for anyone interested in volunteering for the project.

Following the first part of the meeting the PPC agreed unanimously that All Souls will be offered as a venue in 2019.

3. The First Mass of John Waters

Marquees will need to be erected on Wednesday 17 July at 6.30, to afford protection for the tables which the School will bring on Thursday.

Staff and older children will be able to remove the school furniture the following Monday.

There is no information at the moment as to how many from the parish can be seated at the Cathedral for the Ordination – booking a coach will be dependent on the number of places available.

No information as to number of people who have been offered accommodation in the parish.

After 11.15 Mass on 21 July, it is expected that there will be 300+ guests to accommodate.

The question arose as to whether the celebration should take place in the school rather than the parish garden in case of inclement weather. The feeling was that the garden was preferable.

Paul Waters attended the meeting. Friends of the Waters family have offered to fund a buffet meal from Costco; some details as to timing, ferrying of food will have to be worked out.

Consideration needs to be given to the number of plates, serviettes, spoons for desserts, glasses, mugs for coffee, which will be served in the garden rather than in the parish room.

Urns will be connected to the supply of electricity in the garden.

Knights of St Columba will direct the traffic and oversee parking.

The parish will provide drinks and desserts and the personpower to facilitate all of the above.

Lists will be made available following the next PPC meeting asking for volunteers.

4. Progress on recruiting admin support.

This has been successfully followed up and it is hoped that there will be support beginning in June.

5. CTEC and Iqra update.

There is a meeting with Iqra on 27 June, 2.30-3.30pm. Mohammed (Imam) will present a short film about young people living in Jerusalem and their hopes for the future. All are welcome.

CTEC Prayer Breakfast at All Souls last Saturday; Lent groups continue.

A number of people from the local churches and Iqra attended Item 1 on the Night Shelter.

6. Catechetical programmes update

Two adults are due to be baptised/received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

FHC and Confirmation programmes have been well-supported by children and parents. It would be good to continue to encourage the development of their interest and appreciation of Scripture and enable them to feel part of the community.

7. Reflective formation – time was short. This was deferred to the next meeting.

8. AOB

Christian Aid – cake sale. A number of people offered to make cakes but following the meeting it was decided that there would **not** be a cake sale on 12 May – time was too short to make the necessary arrangements.

Gift Aid forms – it was suggested that the forms be given out to individuals, particularly younger members of the parish who may well not be aware that their offering can be gift-aided.

28 April/5 May : 9.30 Mass - Claire will hand out forms, Sean and Robert after 11.15 Mass

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23 May

AGM: Sunday 16 June 12.30pm

