

Present: Fr Michael, Sean Turley, Michael Tourville, Robert Welsh, Lil Creagh, Claire Kirrane, Barbara McGowan, John Corroon

Apologies: Paola Casagrande, Michelle West, Claire O'Leary, Giacomo Leoparedi, Erwann Mauxion, Richard Walsh

1. Prayer
2. Reflection: *Evangelii Gaudium*, 14/15. Valuable discussion: how to reach out to *those who lack a meaningful relationship with the Church?* - attempts are made through the sacramental programmes to realise the connection between participating in the Eucharist and our life of faith; what it means to be a missionary Church; the growth of the Church 'by attraction' rather than proselytising.
3. Recruiting admin support. There have been several expressions of interest. Paul Reiss, who has previous experience in this area, will carry out some of the work with help from another volunteer.
4. Update on Abercorn Road. Emergency Finance Committee meeting proposed that essential works be undertaken in the hope that a tenancy agreement would be signed. Passports, information as regards residency was submitted. Tenants have contacted the Diocese to protest that the work undertaken was unsatisfactory. An affidavit from the contractor will be sought and the Council requested to confirm that the work is satisfactory.
5. Night Shelter Programme. Eight parishioners provided a meal for CWNS on 28 January – it was very much appreciated by all concerned. The Muslim community will provide the second meal on 20 March. There has been a meeting with the Imam and preparations are underway. It was suggested that Bernardo Cañas, the Project Co-ordinator be invited to the next PPC meeting on 10 April, 7.30pm. If he is able to attend those from the parish congregation, CTEC, the Muslim community who have expressed an interest will be invited to come along.
6. CTEC and Iqra. There continue to be problems in harnessing support for CTEC events. One of the most accessible/popular events is the Prayer Breakfast held on the first Saturday of the month at 8am. On 6 April it will be the turn of All Souls to host the breakfast. Any help from 7.15 that Saturday will be most welcome. Or if you are only able to come along for the prayer at 8am, you will enjoy the experience!  
In January there was the exchange of pulpits – the Methodist minister gave the homily at All Souls which was much appreciated.  
During Lent, there are CTEC prayer groups – details in the bulletin.

Iqra have suggested a topic for the next meeting which will be held on Saturday 27 April 1.30-2.30pm. A viewing of the documentary *Jerusalem*, giving an overview of the lives of a Christian, Muslim and Jewish girl living in Jerusalem and their hopes for peace through discussion; link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFy0SO6UPso&feature=youtu.be>

Thanks to those members who volunteered to attend the meeting on 27 April: Robert, Clare, Lil, John, Michael.

7. Catechetical programmes update.

The preparation programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are well underway, involving parents and children in 8 sessions prior to receiving the sacraments. There is a session on Sunday, 3 March for First Holy Communion focussing on Lent.

The Confirmation children have undertaken to help with ministries at Sunday Mass during Lent: reading, welcoming, children's liturgy, choir, collection, tidying after Mass.

Journey in Faith programme is proceeding well. A number of parishioners are accompanying those who are new to the Faith. There is a catechumen, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and two candidates preparing to be received into the Church who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

8. Preparations for Ordination and First Mass on 21 July

To prepare for BBQ on Sunday following 11.15 Mass, it was proposed that tents be put up on Thursday at 6.30pm and tables brought from the school on Friday, last day of term.

It is hoped that drinks will be provided by the PTA.

Lay Chaplain at Ullathorne has expressed an interest in having the school involved.

Car parking – to be overseen by the Knights of St Columba

9. AOB

The Constitution speaks of the importance of the Minutes of a PPC meeting being made available to the parish within two weeks - as the PPC is a representative body within the parish. In future meetings, Barbara will summarise and make available to the parish the Minutes initially provided by Erwann.

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday 10 April**