

**SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

- **Peter Berners-Lee** was welcomed as the PPC representative for the Liturgy Group.
- **Strategy Groups:** Reports were received from the groups that had met recently: Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation, Parish Friends, Youth, Liturgy and Mission. These will be posted to the website.
- **Parish 3 Year Plan:** Following on from the homilies on the theme 'You are called to serve' by the Dominican Sisters, Sr Anne and Sr Karen, at all Masses during the weekend on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November, the PPC discussed plans for the parish meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November. This focuses on the Future of our Parish and how best to support individual parishioners in their personal journey of faith and in using their individual talents to enhance the various aspects of parish life.
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** There is an urgent need for more people to volunteer to become Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 7pm Mass each Sunday.
- **Ministers of the Word:** There is a need for more ministers.
- **Sunday Mass attendance:** The October counts indicated that an average of 1214 people attended Sunday Masses during the month.
- **Christmas Day Lunch:** Volunteers have kindly come forward to prepare, cook and serve lunch on Christmas Day to people who may otherwise be alone.
- **Notice board for the Parish Centre:** An electronic notice board is being investigated

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- **Microphones and Sound System:** work is in progress to upgrade these in both the church and the hall.
- **Homeless visitors:** Advice has been sought on how homeless visitors to the parish can be supported. Guidance and contact details of local support agencies will be posted to the notice board at the back of church and in the Parish Centre.
- **Caretaker:** There have been a number of applicants and interviews are scheduled.
- **Upcoming events:**
  - **Beloved Disciples:** CaFE course aimed at the over 60s is running on Thursdays after 10am Mass from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
  - **Sharing the Light:** The next event is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> November after 7pm Mass.
  - **Advent Talks:** on the theme of the Nativity reflected in Today's World starting on 21<sup>st</sup> November.
  - **Catholic Bible Sunday:** is 10<sup>th</sup> December and booklets for children will be handed out at the Children's Liturgy. Bibles and commentaries will be available to peruse at the back of church after Mass.
  - **Eucharistic Congress- Adoremus:** Liverpool September 2018. Planning is beginning in the Diocese of Westminster for each parish to be represented.