

SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 13th September 2017

- **Open Weekend of 9th/ 10th September** was successful in drawing interest from many parishioners and in attracting some new volunteers. The PPC thanks everyone involved in organising the event. Strategy Group posters will be retained for future use.
- **Strategy Group Reports** were received from the groups that had met recently: Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation, Mission and Parish Friends. These will be posted to the website.
- **Parish 3 Year Plan:** each Strategy Group is asked to develop a 3 year plan indicating how they will use their special areas of focus and particular talents to address the 3 priorities agreed at the Parish Assembly in June: Engaging young people, Leadership of the Laity and Communication. These plans will be integrated along with other parish operational activities into an overall 3 year plan which will be used as a reference guide for the direction of the parish.
- **Face to face Confession:** Some parishioners have expressed an interest in more opportunity for face to face confession. Arrangements are being investigated.
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** there is an urgent need for more people to volunteer to become Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 7pm Mass each Sunday.
- **Church pew and kneeler refurbishment** should be completed by end of September.
- **Homeless visitors** have been using the parish car park recently. We have been liaising with local homeless agencies to help find ways to support them to find appropriate accommodation.

- **A Caretaker** will be recruited to help with maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.
- **Fire Practice:** a meeting will be called to arrange a fire practice at mass. This is a legal requirement.
- **Parish Finances for the first half of 2017** are reasonably healthy. Upgrades to the microphone system in church and repairs to the organ will be investigated.