

## SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

- **Car Parking:** A joint approach with Trinity Church has been made to Sherrards Solicitors, next door to the Church on the old Murco site, to enquire about use of their parking areas for weekend Masses. Unfortunately they have informed us that they are unable to allow the use of their site for church parking for a number of reasons.
- **Safeguarding:** A notice highlighting the need for Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all parishioners who have contact with children, sick or vulnerable people, has appeared in the bulletin.
- **Global Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation:** The PPC are finalising details in preparation for the change in law in late May, details will be circulated to parishioners.
- **Health & Safety:** A quote has been received to service the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems to ensure the required standard is maintained. It has been decided that we should purchase a defibrillator. A model has been sourced which is designed so that any untrained person can use it in an emergency.
- **Summer Social Event:** It was decided that such an event would be desirable but help will be required from parishioners both in organising beforehand and at the time. Preference was expressed for an afternoon tea with cake, strawberries and cream and craft stalls etc i.e 'Garden Party' theme, 3-5pm as possible time, with activities for children and musical entertainment, tickets to be sold in advance. Further details to come.
- **Forthcoming Events:** These were noted – dates, times and details are in the bulletin
- **Fr Sandy:** Fr TJ said that it had been a difficult year so far. He thanked the leadership and people of the parish for helping with Fr Sandy's funeral.
- **Fr Alan Neville:** Fr Alan is MSC Vocations Director for England and Ireland and will be relocating from Cork to St Albans. It was stressed that his primary function will be to continue with this role as well as his other commitments, but when his busy schedule permits he will help out in the Parish. His work is likely to take him away from the parish quite a lot, so he should not be viewed as a replacement priest.