

## SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

- **Strategy Groups:**
  - **Liturgy:** meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45 pm to discuss the services for Holy Week and Easter.
  - **Mission:** meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February focused on developing an approach to respond to parishioners' requests for more support for Adult Faith Formation and Prayer. Proposals are under discussion (see below).
  - **Parish Friends:** The Valentine Tea Party was a great success with over 80 guests of all ages. New parishioners' coffee morning is being planned for March (date to be confirmed) and the next film show will be held on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April.
  - **Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation:** a soup and film evening in aid of CaFOD family fast day will be held after 6pm Mass on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. St Albans Sustainability Week will be marked with a bread making session in the parish hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Adult Christians are invited to attend an Intergenerational European Pilgrimage visiting 7 European cities from 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April. The PPC agreed to sponsor 2 young adult parishioners. Details on noticeboard.
  - **Youth:** David Markham as agreed to be the representative to the PPC. The Sacramental programme is up and running.
  
- **The Future of our Parish:** Feedback from the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November, which was itself a follow up to our Parish Assembly held in June, indicated a desire by many parishioners for more Adult Faith Formation (AFF) and support for Prayer to help deepen our relationship with Jesus, and encourage each of us to step up to volunteer for roles in our parish and truly live out the 'leadership of the laity' in our community. The Mission Group has met with representatives of the other Strategy Groups to begin to consider developing a modular approach to providing access to speakers and resources in a range of formats which address the differing needs of parishioners at various stages in their faith journey. The idea is that parishioners will be able to dip in and out of the AFF modules which meet their particular needs.

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**Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

- **Upcoming events:**
  - **Stations of the Cross:** held on Saturday mornings at 9.30am in Lent beginning on 17<sup>th</sup> February.
  - **Let it Be:** CaFE course on Our Blessed Lady will run on 5 Thursdays at 11am-12noon starting 22<sup>nd</sup> February and will be repeated on the same Thursday evenings at 8-9pm.
  - **Lenten Talk:** 'Can you live without the Body of Christ? A talk on the meaning of the Eucharist'. Emanuela Cardoso of the Shalom Catholic Community, 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.45pm
- **You Can Be Santa:** The organising team were congratulated on the wonderful achievement in 2017.
- **Social Committee:** Volunteers will be sought to help organise future parish social events.
- **Health and Safety:** Precision Safety have been appointed to advise the parish on health and safety matters. A recent inspection has highlighted a number of items that require attention and these are being followed up.
- **Fire Practice:** A practice evacuation will be held at all Masses during a weekend in March. This is a legal requirement.
- **Next PPC meeting:** Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March