

SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 10th January 2018

- **Fr Tom Hewitt:** Prayers were said for our dearly loved Fr Tom who passed away on 4th January. Fr Tom's funeral arrangements were discussed and have since been published in the bulletin.
- **Christmas Services:** It was heartening to see the large numbers of participants at all the Christmas services. Feedback on the liturgies at our Masses and at Carols by Candlelight has been particularly positive.
- **The Future of our Parish:** The feedback from the meeting on 15th November, attended by some 52 parishioners, has been analysed and the PPC began to discuss possible next steps to support individuals in their journey of faith and in using their individual talents to enhance the various aspects of parish life. Discussion will continue at the February PPC meeting, and at a meeting of representatives of the parish strategy groups and the feedback and suggested next steps will then be shared with the whole parish. Individual offers to join existing ministry teams have been forwarded to the leaders of those teams.
- **Visit by the MSC Provincial:** Fr Carl Tranter will be visiting the parish in early February to review the MSC ministry. The next Assembly of MSC's of England will also take place in February.
- **Strategy Groups:** Short reports were received from the strategy groups that had met recently: Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation, Parish Friends, Liturgy and Mission. The reports will be posted to the website as usual.

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- **Parish Caretaker:** Mark Healy was appointed in December, and is working in the parish estate on weekday mornings.
- **Dishwasher:** A new commercial dishwasher/ steriliser has been installed in the Parish Centre. Please see Mark Healy if you require training. It works differently from a domestic dishwasher!
- **Notice board for the Parish Centre:** An electronic notice board is being investigated.
- **Microphones and Sound System:** The microphones in the Parish Hall have been upgraded and are stored in the presbytery. Work is in progress to upgrade the sound system in the church.
- **Homeless visitors:** Advice has been sought on how homeless visitors to the parish can be supported. Guidance and contact details of local support agencies have been posted to the notice board at the back of church and in the Parish Centre.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - **Finding Silence:** Saturday, 27th January, led by Bishop John Crowley
 - **Let it Be Done Unto Me:** CaFE Course will be held on Thursday mornings starting 22nd February
 - **Eucharistic Congress- Adoremus:** Liverpool September 2018. Planning is beginning in the Diocese of Westminster for each parish to be represented.