**Parish Annual General Meeting 2023/24**

**Senior Leadership Team Report**

Since the last Parish Annual Meeting we have recently welcomed Richard Booth onto the team. We have our regular face-to face meetings which now take place twice a month. As your SLT we have been privileged to be able to support Father Andrew and Father Matteo, often acting as a sounding board for them and by providing constructive feedback on proposals under discussion.

Key tasks undertaken in the past year are as follows:

* One of the key initiatives in the last year was the SLT day of reflection at the end of November which was facilitated by a member of the UK Divine Renovation Team.  It was a really worthwhile day enabling us to focus our thoughts on our vision for the future life of our parishes as missionary communities. We discussed the role and purpose of the SLT in taking the Parish vision forward and hopefully renewed with a revitalised sense of purpose we can be of greater service to the parishes.  We concluded that there are five areas where we need to grow: Welcoming, Community, Prayer, Youth and Vocations.
* The SLT have been building on the discussions of the JPPC and ensuring the parish keeps focused on its parish vision statement.
* The SLT has been active in supporting a culture of developing catholic life in the parish with the ongoing successful GIFT catechesis for families and our Youth Choir.
* The SLT members have supported our priests in their work of establishing an online community to ensure that our parishes continue to flourish whilst we were unable to easily meet face-to-face. In this respect we been part of the Kairos team and now the reflection and discussion prayer Group which meets on the last Tuesday of every month.
* The SLT members have contributed in leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and reading at the Parishes Carol Service.
* The SLT Parish Representatives support the parish with many other roles, including roles in organising stewards, helping with social events i.e. the three Parishes Brass on the Grass event in the Summer, and organising lifts for the elderly to and from Mass.
* The SLT are working to support Fr Andrew in setting up a Bereavement Support Group.

* Finally, the SLT worked with Fr. Andrew and Fr. Matteo to host a lunch at the beginning of the year for the new parishioners of the three parishes.

The coming year will undoubtedly continue to bring new challenges and new initiatives. We are blessed that we now have the freedom and ability to join together for worship in person.

Much still needs to be done and we expect it will be a busy time for the SLT and the parishes, we will continue to serve you as your SLT to the best of our abilities.