

Reports for Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 12/9/2016

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| Area of Activity Inter-Faith Relations | |
| Activity since last PPC meeting | |
| <p>The last NHIFF was on 25th May, we had as guest speakers two PCs from the North Herts Police, that came to talk to us about the increase in hate crimes of many forms (race, religion, disability, homophobia, gender, ethnic, etc) and what they are doing about it. They are looking for Hate related crimes reporting hubs in the community, which can be places of worship among other ideas. I have collected a bundle of information for our church/catholic community to see and would be good if our parish/ deanery could work with this project and offer to be trained to become such a facility in for our community.</p> <p>I have Police sample packs to show as examples – please may I have time to explain.</p> <p>The faith representatives also were very supportive of our church wishing to invite them as speakers for their faiths to our parish, and have requested dates from which to choose with respect to availability, no dates have been made available so far.</p> <p>Today, Monday 12th September, there is in Welwyn and Hatfield Inter Faith Group "Faith Matters" to their evening meeting on Young Muslims in Britain Today, with contributions by young Muslims, at the Folcolare Centre for Unity in Welwyn Garden City.</p> <p>The AGM of NHIFF will be on 20th October (7:30pm start) when we plan to have two speakers looking at the Islamic Sunni/ Shi'i divisions from both Christian and Muslim perspectives. The new chair and vice-chair will be elected for the next 3 years.</p> <p>From "Inter Faith St. Albans" we received an invitation to an open meeting on Wed 2nd November at 7:30 pm at St Peter's Church, St Peter's Street, St. Albans, for "Scientists of Faith – a personal perspective" given by the Revd Prof Nick Goulding.</p> | |
| Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed | |
| <p>The current group is rather weak and it is hoped that after the coming elections that things will improve. I continue to offer my services and support for the organisation.</p> | |
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| Area of Activity Justice & Peace |
| Activity since last PPC meeting |
| <p>A set of 4CDs of the talks give at the NJ&PN conference on: Justice, Power and Responsibility; How Can Democracy Work for the Common Good? Have been received and are available to anyone that wishes to borrow them.</p> <p>Unfortunately the UK government voted to renew Trident, however the "Global Zero – a world without nuclear weapons" campaigns still go on, so further events are being planned. Well in the teaching and spirit of "Laudato Si"</p> <p>Pope Francis' "Show Mercy to Our Common Home" message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation included adding "care for our common home" to the list of the works of mercy. See: http://seasonofcreation.org/2016/08/31/creation-day-messages/</p> |

We are now well into **Creation Time/Season – from 1st Sept to 4th Oct.** And thank you for the prayers set out, could our parish from this year onwards mark the feast day of St. Francis on the 4th Oct., as patron saint of the environment?

On Thursday the 22nd of September, Caritas Westminster will be sending a team of staff and volunteers to visit the Jungle in Calais, a long list of item donations have been requested, poster available with other notices.

World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel 18-24 September. An opportunity for church communities to pray and act for peace in that region. Campaign cards and prayer resources can be found here <http://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/>
This year there is an on-line Petition with a focus on demolitions and displacement.

Advanced notice: **Peace Sunday 2017 is on 15th January** and the theme is **Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace**, coming from the Nonviolence Conference in Rome last April.
<http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>

And from the Vatican:

Pope Francis has instituted a new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, to be led by Cardinal Peter Turkson, currently serving as president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

This new dicastery was instituted in a *Motu Proprio* published today in the *Osservatore Romano*.

The dicastery, to come into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, will be especially “competent in issues regarding migrants, those in need, the sick, the excluded and marginalized, the imprisoned and the unemployed, as well as victims of armed conflict, natural disasters, and all forms of slavery and torture.”

On that same date, four Pontifical Councils—the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Pontifical Council Cor Unum, Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, and Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (for Health Pastoral Care)—will cease to exist and will be effectively encompassed into the new dicastery.

See: <https://zenit.org/articles/pope-institutes-dicastery-for-promoting-integral-human-development/>

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Take part and involve the parish in the “Good vs Bad Climate Change Investments” campaign gaining momentum at present and into next year.

Objectives set

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Area of Activity LiveSimply

Activity since last PPC meeting

Some members of team attended protests against Trident replacement. Successful Coffee Morning held 31st July.

Meeting took place on 10th September to review the **100 livesimply Ideas** list. Review aimed to identify (a) those actions already completed, (b) those which would be impractical or irrelevant for our parish and (c) those which we could pursue. For 'c' items a target time scale was identified. A partial review was carried out and several actions identified. Also agreed that AMM would take on responsibility for producing report for Pastoral Council.

As part of Creation Time and in response to Laudato Si, a pilgrimage around HOOP to pray for Creation took place on 11th September. Main participants were our own parishioners but a representative of the Muslim Community also came along for the 1st leg of the walk. We were very blessed by the weather.

| Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed | |
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| <p>Parish Garden: Wild Flower Garden Looks good but could be expanded when Gardening Team is able. A plaque to be designed & funded by the <i>livesimply</i> (LS) team.</p> <p>Community Garden being implemented with help from Glaxo volunteers.</p> <p>Creation Time: Creation Rosary planned for the week running up to St. Francis feast day, 4th October.</p> <p>Reaching Out to local 'Eco' Groups: This is still outstanding</p> <p>100 <i>livesimply</i> Ideas Review</p> <p>Reflection & Worship: Mark UN World Environment Day; Woodland Trust Tree Planting to commemorate Baptism/First Holy Communion etc.</p> <p>Practical: Ensure parish equipment is turned off at appropriate time; encourage ethical banking & insurance within the parish;</p> <p>Reaching Out: Events in the parish to publicise Climate Justice issues and provide advice to parishioners about greening/ethical clothing/measuring and reducing carbon footprint; publicise local 'litter pick' events;</p> | |
| Objectives set | Who |
| Keep monitoring the energy usage of the parish over the next year. | DME |
| Creation Rosary in the week running up to St. Francis feast day, 4 th October. | AMM |
| Discuss the marking of UN World Environment Day at Eucharistic Service with Trish | LS team |
| Have stall & 10 min presentation at Laudato Si talk on 24 th September. Ensure recycling success story publicised. | DME/ AMM |
| Plan a series of Climate Justice & Social Justice events starting February 2017 | PJ |
| Identify when local litter pick events will take place | JS |
| Research office equipment timers | AMM/DW |
| Design & produce plaque for Wild Flower Garden | AMM AMM |
| Make contact with other local 'Eco' groups to share ideas etc. | LS Team |
| Investigate feasibility of encouraging participation in Woodland Trust scheme | |
| Continue review of 100 <i>livesimply</i> Ideas | |

| Area of Activity |
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| Maintenance |
| Activity since last PPC meeting |
| <p>Summary</p> <p>Please note the number of jobs done by many parishioners - esp, but not limited to John Chamberlain and Philippe James</p> <p>Activity since report of July 2016</p> <p>0509_1/ repair sound cable damage - Mike Eltringham</p> <p>0509_2/ repair busted light switch in hall kitchen - Mike E</p> <p>0109_1/ bottom bracket repair Fr.Tom's second-best bike.</p> <p>29and2909_1/ final Carpet Deolinda-vents JVC , PJ , Tommy McGinnerty and me.</p> <p>2808_1/ emergency-fix busted sound system console hinge</p> <p>2808_2/ de-wobble penultimate pew</p> <p>2708_1/ move racking from garages to new shed JVC , PJ and me.</p> <p>1308_1/ fix hall floor trip hazard - Philippe and James McDonagh</p> <p>1208_1/ tap washer , hall kitchen</p> <p>1108_1/ install linked alarms - kitchen(heat) comittee rooms & loo vestibule(smoke)</p> <p>0608_1/ saggy hinge on church door - new hinges JVC , PJ and me.</p> <p>0108_1/ 2 neon tubes replaced in the hall . John & Frances Chamberlain</p> |
| Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed |
| <p>Outstanding Maintenance Snags</p> <p>0/ house number for 16 Nightingale Road SG5 1QS</p> |

0/ bike store for Fr.Tom < jc - in process >
 0/ Glaxo offer to paint scout-hut and top of boundary railings < Sept 27th >
 0/ non-slip test has failed - GRP panels will be ~£150.
 0/ repaint Fr.M and Fr.Tom rooms after 10sept

Objectives set

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Area of Activity Outreach

Activity since last PPC meeting

Outreach to Community

Mass at Gosmore not started yet but Fr Euloge will take lead on this and will be supported by Teresa Hyde. Care Masses elsewhere are continuing but the liturgy will be aligned to significant feast days or seasonal issues or taken from the next Sunday gospel to make it more interesting to the residents.

Proclaim 15

Youth ministry team now has complete plan and will be launching their initiative with Fun Sunday this week. The school has been given leaflets for all the children

Other tasks

Liturgy

Wanda has worked very hard to clean and tidy the sacristy area and has made a huge difference. She has met with some resistance to change but is undeterred. We have set up an MC group which will aim to ensure there is consistent practice across the weekdays and weekends at Mass.

Health and Safety

The Health and safety work will be completed by the end of October – various other things have taken me away from doing this taks.

Safeguarding

Been on the Diocesan e-bulk training for ID verification which means that we can complete DBS forms online. Have a number of people I need to sort this with including Fr E. Again day to day tasks are just taking up a lot of time at present. Will ensure this is done by end of September.

Michaelmas Fair

Prepared all materials for big envelope stuff and taken posters and pictures into school to be distributed to every family.

Links with Our Lady's school

Went with Susanna into school to meet new head and discussed our links with the school. She is happy for Pilgrims to continue and Susanna will be helping as it will increase her contact with the First Communion year group. I am delighted. The group will now be focused on activities (arts and crafts) which link to the gospel from the previous Sunday.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Need to continue with the Proclaim 15 projects.

Objectives completed from last report

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Youth project launched this Sunday coming.

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| Objectives set | Who |
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| 1. Health and Safety documents completed by end of October | TB |
| 2. Safeguarding DBS checks completed by end of September | TB |

| Area of Activity YOUTH |
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| <p>Activity since last PPC meeting</p> <p>Youth Mission in our parish is in progress. Helen Bailey and Maeve Green are leading the project. Elizabeth Wills joined to support them. There were two meetings held in our parish: on 19/07/16 and 05/09/16 where ideas and future events were discussed. Father Tom, Father Euloge, Trish Bonnett, Helen Bailey, Maeve Green, Elizabeth Wills, Antonietta Tinney, Maria Green, Teresa Pernak attended the meetings.</p> <p>A decision has been made to focus on Youth ministry development, not youth club. The project is a long term plan, might take approximately 10 years. We start early with children and their parents who are key people in the process. Youth Mission aims to follow parents and their children throughout their faith journey from Baptism to Confirmation.</p> <p>Youth Mission in 2016 in our parish will create a group for young people starting with current years 7&8, to enable them to meet and socialise in a safe, catholic environment, will encourage them to develop their relationship with God, as a part of Proclaim 15. The group will strengthen and develop the contribution of our young people to our parish. The group will be open to all in our parish plus other Christians and non-Christians. Phase will help with the project.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Youth Mission values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Everything we do is inspired by Jesus ◆ To show young people how to be Catholic in a modern world ◆ Team of volunteers delivers consistency through their individuality ◆ To engage with our young people and strive to deliver the solution they need (with help of Phase) ◆ To adapt to the individual needs of our young people <p>A part of the Youth Mission project is Children's Mass which will be performed once a month on Sunday at 10:30am, where children will be involved in various stages of a mass, such: reading, bidding prayers, singing, offertory, etc.</p> <p>Additionally, there will be other events for children and young people organised in our parish each month.</p> <p>The one of them is Funday Sunday for children aged 4 and above, where they stay in the hall for most of the mass (parents to stay if they would like to). They are coming back in for a blessing during communion and then returning before dismissal and the last hymn. Children's Liturgy to be the theme for Funday, with activities based around the Liturgy. There will be 2 stations for activities and children will be split into groups:</p> |

1. Games in the main hall
 2. Arts & Craft or Foodie stuff in Upper or Lower Committee rooms.
- Finally children to go back into mass to show priest and congregation what they have made and sing final hymn.

There are three **Funday Sunday** dates proposed so far:

1. 18th of September 2016 – with main topics focusing on Trust in God and Creation
2. The other two will be in November 16' and February 17' – exact dates to be set.

The other ideas for **Youth Mission** events are:

1. All Saints & All Souls Party or Party of Light or All Hallows Eve – Sunday 30th of October 16' 4pm-6pm -> there will be admission fee of £1 per child ticket (adults free)
2. Soul Survivor/Day Out Trip; Entertainment for children during rehearsals for Nativity – in December 16'
3. Epiphany party – in January 17'
4. Gardening – (possibly) - in March and April 17'

There is also idea to establish **Youth Council** who will appoint its representatives from JHN and Our Lady school and who will liaise with the PPC in relevant parish matters.

Father Tom suggested that Confirmation candidates should be introduced to the idea during the current year programme, so they can be one of the groups involved in this project.

The proposed date for Youth Council in our parish to be officially launched in January 2017.

Trish Bonnett handed out DBS forms to our Youth Mission volunteers accordingly with safeguarding children and young adults policy rules.

Other events:

Westminster Youth Ministry up-coming events in 2016:

1. **Parish Leadership Formation** – TALK – [20 September 16'](#)

A practical session for everyone who is interested in Bible Studies.

2. **Catholic Underground** – ADORATION – [24 September 16'](#)

3. **Alpha Training Evening** – TRAINING – [27 September 16'](#)

For those looking for to start a young adults group in their parish. – it is about how to start an Alpha group, which can help form community and sharing of our faith among other like-minded Catholics.

4. **Mindfulness in Christian Tradition** – TALK – [1 October 16'](#)

Talk about how to improve mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

5. **ECHO: Theology of the Body Retreat** – RETREAT – [21 October 16'](#)

God calls us to live in the fullness of life. But what does look like in 21st century – St Pope John Paul II beautiful series of teachings, known as Theology of the Body, which reveals the truth who we are and what we were created for.

6. **Sharing Gospel Joy** – GET-TOGETHER – [22 October 16'](#)

In 2016 Columbans visiting Westminster parishes for the Annual Mission Appeal.

7. The Summit – GET-TOGETHER – 11 November 16'

WYM is hosting a youth event aimed at those aged 14-18 – chance for young people to socialise, share meal together, learn more about their faith and be introduced to deeper level of prayer and adoration.

8. Youth Mass – MASS – 9 December 16' – All parishes are asked to encourage representative of their youth and young adult constituencies to attend.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Confirmation group to be helpers at Epiphany party.

Confirmation candidates to be introduced to the idea of Youth Council during the upcoming Confirmation programme – Teresa Pernak to liaise with Susanna Hawksley in this matter.

Objectives set

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To confirm dates for monthly Children's Mass.

To confirm dates for Funday Sunday in November 16' and February 17'.

To confirm dates for other Youth events in our parish: All Hallows Eve and Epiphany Parties, possibly Day Out Trip.

To budget for accessories for Fundays, All Hallows Eve and Epiphany Parties

To research options where to go for Day Out Trip and costs involved.

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