

## Annual Report of the Joint Pastoral Parish Council (JPPC) for the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The JPPC met six times in the year 21/22 at the three parishes. The Terms of Reference were reviewed and updated. The elected number of officials from each parish was reduced to three.

Due to COVID members were extended for a further year of office.

The purpose of the JPPC is to work in collaboration with the Parish Priest in planning strategically for the ongoing development of the parish mission and renewal in the light of its vision statement, 'Encountering Jesus Serving Others'

The JPPC uses the book, 'Divine Renovation, as its starting point for discussion in taking the parish from 'maintenance to mission' and has been engaged in analysing each parish's response to aspects of culture, values and vision. Giving Priority to the weekend was discussed.

Hospitality and welcoming were also analysed. It was felt that the role of 'welcomer' was pivotal as was the role of the priest in his homily in engaging the congregation in a meaningful way.

The value of Music was also analysed. It was a welcome return to have music in all the parishes after a significant time without due to COVID. The three parishes all welcomed its return and recognised that there was a variety of quality in each of the parishes and that there was potential for working together to further the uplifting of our services.

Reports around the building of Discipleship were given by the sub- groups and discussed by the JPPC.

### Kairos

This was established as an opportunity to extend the role of the church by engaging all the parishes in a different form of liturgy and prayer. It also enabled people from other areas to commit and especially supported the frail and disabled in being able to participate in the liturgy. At its height over one hundred people participated. However, as attendance at church and life in general began to return to normal the numbers attending Kairos dropped and the volunteers required to lead groups etc. fell. It was decided therefore to stop Kairos until further opportunity requires.

### Alpha

An all- men's Alpha group ran successfully on-line at the beginning of the year and a further group was run face to face beginning in September. This continues to be an important ministry for promoting discipleship but is similarly lacking in volunteers to lead ongoing groups.

### Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry have continued to meet the teenagers of the parishes and take the Confirmation programme forward. Currently the plan is to organise fortnightly/monthly gatherings to promote fellowship with games and activities. As a long term plan it is hoped that the youth of the parishes may take part in a youth Alpha and become more engaged with the liturgy by taking on roles in the church e.g. readers.

Looking forward it is expected that The JPPC will work together with Father Andrew and Father Damian to develop a five year strategic plan.