**Parish Annual General Meeting 2021/22**

**Senior Leadership Team Report**

Since the last Parish Annual Meeting we said goodbye to Father Shaun and now have the privilege of working with Fr Andrew. We have started our regular face-to face meetings again which had been put on hold since the start of the COVID-19 restrictions. As your SLT we have been privileged to be able to support Father Andrew and Father Damian, 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:

1. Each SLT Parish Representative continued to serve on the ongoing task forces for our respective parishes to oversee the preparations and ongoing health and safety requirements for the opening of our churches for public worship in order to comply with the COVID-19 lockdown rules in operation at any particular time. This has ensured that our churches are COVID-safe environments and can operate as normally as possible for private prayer and the public celebration of Mass and other services. This also has meant working with parishioners to ensure that there are adequate volunteer teams of stewards and cleaners available for Sunday Masses and at other times such as Easter and Christmas. The task forces continue to meet on an ad hoc basis to deal with the various COVID-related circumstances which affect our communities.
2. 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 on-line prayer Group.
3. Each SLT member worked with their respective Parishes to organise leaving masses and receptions after the masses for Father Shaun as we said goodbye to him in July 2021.
4. The SLT has also been active in supporting the continuation of the parish sacramental programmes such as First Communion and Confirmation.
5. Now that Covid restrictions are easing we have been working to help some of the elderly go to Mass and have organised lifts to and from church.
6. Finally, the SLT worked with Fr. Andrew and Fr. Damian to host a lunch for 30 of the new parishioners of the three parishes.

The coming year will undoubtedly continue to bring new challenges as the impact of the pandemic is still around, but 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.