

Parish Annual General Meeting 2022/23 Senior Leadership Team Report

Since the last Parish Annual Meeting we said goodbye to Father Damian and now have the privilege of working with Fr Matteo. In preparation for his move away from the parish, Paul Forrest has become an emeritus member of the SLT, with Paul Matarewicz from Our Lady's parish joining us the autumn of 2022. We have our regular face-to face meetings which now take place once 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:

1. The SLT have been building on the discussions of the JPPC and ensuring the parish keeps focused on its parish vision statement.
2. The SLT has been active in supporting creating a culture of developing catholic life in the parish with the implementation of our GIFT catechesis for families and our Youth Choir.
3. 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 which meets on the last Tuesday of every month.
4. Each SLT member worked with Fr Andrew to organise a leaving mass and reception after the mass for Father Damian as we said goodbye to him in September 2022.
5. The SLT members have contributed in leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and reading at the Parishes Carol Service.
6. The SLT Parish Representatives support the parish with many other roles, including roles in organising stewards, helping with social events, and organising lifts for the elderly to and from Mass.
7. Finally, the SLT worked with Fr. Andrew and Fr. Matteo to host a lunch 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.