JPPC APM Report 2025-6

Hi I'm Ben the Chairman of the JPPC for this year. As many of you may know we are a team of 12 made up of Fr Andrew and Fr Dom, a representative from the SLT, and 3 members of each parish. We meet every 2-3 months to collaborate with the parish on the ongoing development of the parish, providing advice, ideas and a strategic plan for the implementation of divine renovation and parish renewal.

We do this through the ongoing 5 year parish development plan. We're looking at the long-term vision of the parishes, around themes of worship, evangelisation, discipleship, fellowship and ministry. These can be ideas or actionable statements passed on to the SLT where if in line with the overall vision, will be implemented.

Over the past year we have seen a lot of progress on the parish development plan.

Under worship, we've seen a candlestand added to St John's in Chorleywood, as well as seeing Fr Dom's history of salvation talks take place at the start of the year. We've seen an increase in musicians and welcomers across the parishes and also had a weekday evening mass introduced in Lent that we're looking to continue through other holy periods of the year. We also saw the joint walking pilgrimage take place last September in London, with a similar event taking place later this month.

Under evangelisation, we've seen the introduction of the Men's group which has hosted a few sessions, as well as parish events including Brass on the Grass and quiz night take place. Parishioners from St John Fisher supported at the Chorleywood Summer Fair day in July, and have unified with other churches on the faith stand at Rickmansworth monthly market.

Under discipleship we had the Qarent Ore take place in March as well as the skills audit back in May.

Fellowship has seen the aforementioned men's group set up, as well as the young adults group take off significantly in the past year. We're exploring the founding of a joint parishes social committee and are also seeing the introduction of welcome masses to new parishioners termly. Longer term the founding of parish connect groups will help in continuing overall fellowship.

Through ministry the plan is to use the skills audit forms to engage with people who can help in various areas, and we've had major advances in numbers of volunteers for events such as brass on the grass. The Rickmansworth monthly market stall and the Chorleywood village day have helped to increase awareness of ministry activities, such as the SVP, warm

spaces, food banks and social groups. Crucially Jo has been running the love in action sessions, seeing good turnout and exploring Catholic principles that can be applied to our daily lives

Overall it has been a productive year in the JPPC with many actions completed, and a set plan to cover each area of the Parish Development plan again 12 months ahead