

## **Building Community**

### **Support to the Youth Group-**

Since our March meeting the main focus of the group has been to support the work of the Youth Group in further embedding engagement with St Adrian's by the childrens' attendance at our morning masses on Holydays of Obligation, through Lent and through continuing involvement of our young children by active support to the Sunday childrens' liturgy sessions and Family Focused Sunday masses.

### **Issue of a Revised Parish Welcome Guide-**

Final formatting and obtaining of quotes for printing of the Guide have been completed. Discussion and shared messaging with Fr Francis, Chair and Vice Chair concluded that 75 hard cover copies would be printed by Caprin at cost of £200. The order has been placed, proof approved and will be ready for collection shortly. It is proposed that the Revised Guide is issued on Pentecost weekend with support messaging in the Newsletter alerting parishioners to the update being available and encouraging all to consider their contribution made to Parish life. E copies will also be issued on 09/06 using parishioner contact list -thanks to Dawn Pace and Chris Blandford for their support on this.

## **Ecumenism**

1. **Lent groups** discussed the book "Failure". It was quite challenging.
2. **Good Friday Walk of Witness 7 April** – with South St Albans Churches. Feedback?
3. **Unity at the Cross 7 April** – at St Albans Cathedral on Good Friday evening. Organised by a different Christian church each year. Feedback?
4. **Adopt a Plant** – April/May 2023. Donations of £215 were given to Earthworks which supports adults with learning difficulties.
5. **Churches Together in St Albans** – promote the activities more widely. Pray for a different church each weekend.
6. **Ecumenical Christian Aid service** – Homewood Rd URC 14 May, 6.30-7.30pm
7. **South St Albans Churches** – Tree planting ceremony at Greenwood URC 3 June
8. **St Albans Community Showcase** – Cathedral 10 June. Voluntary organisations show what they do for the local community
9. **Alban Pilgrimage 24 June** –Join other Christians to walk from St Peter's St to the Cathedral. Peter produced a banner for St Barts last year.
10. **CTSA Summer Forum: What Youth Think 27 June** – 8pm on Zoom.
11. **CTSA Prayer Walk in September** – Walking around various churches in St Albans, praying at each church, and ending at the cathedral for a prayer by the shrine of St Alban and Evensong.
12. **Climate Change activities** – Support the climate change activities organised by St Stephens and Greenwood URC.

## **Spirituality**

1. 25 March Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our banner was used but rain was in the air...
2. Rosary at all weekend Masses arranged with exceptions for First Holy communion Masses
3. I am now Convenor of the new Liturgy Cttee so this ties in well with Spirituality.

## **Social Justice**

We obtained funding towards the costs of heating the hall during the winter months. I am particularly grateful to Eamon for providing figures relating to the heating costs, which enabled me to provide an account to Sr Silvana of how our Caritas grant was used. Numbers attending range from 12-24 +, and we have maintained a faithful team of 6/7 soup makers. That said, we cancelled this week, as we are short of soup makers, 2 away and one awaiting hospital treatment, yours truly, and others had just done their turn. It occurs to me to invite "guest" soup makers, as it happens one of our regulars mentioned she has an offer!

Apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the postponement of the Fairtrade lunch, unfortunately my accident and resulting injuries happened too close to the date to delegate duties for the day in time. The only available Sundays this month or next are May 21st or June 25th, I will attempt to sound out others ahead of our meeting tomorrow.

Thanks to all who helped with distribution of envelopes and collections on Peace Sunday for Pax Christi, and several weeks later following Family Fast Day for CAFOD

## **Youth**

Since our March meeting the Youth Group has:

- St Adrian's school are regularly attending Holy days of Obligation (Epiphany and Ash Wednesday masses). Upcoming Holy Obligation Days Ascension and Sts Peter and Paul will be attended by the school.
- St Adrian's school attended St Barts for Ash Wednesday mass and for 1 weekday mass (weeks 4 and 5) in Lent.
- Fr Francis lead a Penitential Service during Lent at St Adrian's school.
- Continuing our connection of our St Barts food pantry to our St Adrian's community.
- Continuing to support the involvement of the Children's Liturgy.
- In planning stages of the next Youth Family Focused Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> June. We will again encourage all of our youth ranging from Children's' Liturgy, First Holy Communion and Confirmation with First Holy Communion and Confirmation leaders already confirmed.