

Building Community

Christmas Eve Refreshments

Simple refreshment for families were made available after the Family Eve Mass which was a full to capacity congregation. Due to some of the delivery team being unable to attend on the day, extra responsibilities fell to those who were leading both to deliver the childrens' participation during the mass and then for refreshments to be ready afterwards.

We should have obtained feedback from all involved by the end of this coming week to review and identify any elements to be improved for next year.

Particular thanks to Jackie Tominey, and Martha and Stephen Moroney.

Cakebakes for Heating Fund

The next event of the group is the 28 January cakebake to be held on the same day as the quarterly Sunday Family Mass. The delivery team on the day have confirmed availability. Thanks to those of the Committee who have signed up to this and to Ben Lizzio and Paula Dilger. Any additional offers of assistance from PPC members in receiving cakes and laying out (09:00-11.30), helping during the event 11.30-13:00) or clearing up afterwards much appreciated.

Support to the Youth Group-

We will continue to support the work of the Youth Group in delivering a quarterly Parish Family Focused Mass, engagement with St Adrian's by the children's' attendance at our morning mass on school term Holydays of Obligation, active support to the Sunday children's' liturgy sessions and monthly Saturday + additional Youth (older) masses planned for January and February '24.

Youth

Christmas Eve Family Mass:

This mass was very well attended this year (a full congregation). Families began arriving from 15:00 and they kept coming-it was a wonderful sight. All children under 12 had been invited to take an active part in this mass and nativity robes from St Adrian's ensured that no child would be unable to take part. Messaging had been effective in the numbers that attended on the day. The children had a central part throughout the mass and carols were heard sung throughout the church.

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Particular thanks to Martha Moroney, Bernadette O Shea, Ruth Mansell, and Jackie Tominey who joined with myself and Ben in overseeing the children. Also to Peggy Grove and Dad who covered the welcoming.

Thanks to Mum for the music.

Childrens' Liturgy:

Increasing numbers from very young to 8 years old are now regularly attending our Sunday liturgy sessions held during the 10.30 mass. The children processed with golden crowns on the Feast of Christ the King, christingles were learned about and made on the first Advent Sunday, angel tree decorations were made on the fourth Advent Sunday and there was culmination in the Christmas Family Eve mass.

We will continue :

- To lead for St Adrian's school attendance at parish masses on Holy days of Obligation arising during term-time
- Linking St Barts food pantry to our St Adrian's community.
- Actively supporting the Sunday Children's Liturgy with Sinead Hughes, Ben Lizzio, Maureen Kelly and Emma Smith have now joined being the lead delivery team for these Sunday sessions.
- To lead the quarterly Youth Family Focused Mass which encourages all of our young people, ranging from Children's' Liturgy, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, to attend and actively participate in.
- To support the Saturday evening teenage youth masses initiative of the Liturgy Group where delivery is led by Sinead Hughes, Stephen Moroney and Maureen Kelly. In addition, this group last week was asked to join in supporting the candlelit mass on the 03/02 which is being led by our Spirituality group.