

Building Community

28 January Cakebake for Heating Fund

Once again parishioners well supported our Cakebake Event on the 28th January. The range of cakes and cookies and generosity of parishioners were impressive! A jolly time was had by all of us meeting in the hall. The cakebake being held on the same day as the 10.30 Family Focused mass brought a high attendance of young families to remain to join the event.

A special thanks to the delivery team on the day: Ben and Lizzie Lizzio, Liz Crosby, Phil Ahern, Christine and John Lambert, Emma Smith, Paula Dilger and Teresa Clarke.

Cash gifted at the event was £329 and gift aid £20 -total **£349.00** to the Parish Church replacement heating fund. This meant that the Parish together has now met 2/3 of the £15,000 target total. This time we were unable to benefit from collections after masses of the cakebake weekend because of the pressing need of collections to help the suffering in Gaza.

The next cakebake event will be on Sunday 11 August 2024. In the last two years, previous August cakebakes have been well supported by our parishioners not away on Summer breaks and raised a significant sum for the cause.

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 childrens' 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 March to September '24.

Youth

28th January Family Focused Mass:

This mass was well attended and included leading roles across the whole range of groups for our young people: childrens' liturgy; First Holy Communion, Confirmation groups. The focus of this mass brought many families to St Barts on this day and had children involved in the service ranging from 2-16 year olds. There was an impressive sense of engagement by our youngsters and their families. Having the music and voices based just before the altar brought an extra element which worked well.

A special thanks to Bernadette O Shea, Sinead Hughes, Ben Lizzio, Emma Smith and Mum who joined with Lizzie to support that all ran smoothly.

Children's' Liturgy:

20-25 children from very young (under 1 year) to 8 years old continue to attend our Sunday liturgy sessions held during the 10.30 mass. Sinead Hughes, Ben Lizzio and Maureen Kelly lead in delivering these sessions. Lizzie and Ruth Mansell support at these sessions too. An additional catechist for these sessions would be desirable too both to lead and to keep an eye on the children whilst the session is being led. The children benefit from a variety of materials and ways of delivery at these sessions

which are based on guidance from the Diocesan Childrens' Liturgy and Cafod Childrens' Liturgy websites.

Liturgy/ Spirituality Group Candlelit Mass Youth Focus:

Plans for the 03.02 Candlelit mass involved a last minute Youth focus which received very positive feedback from other parishioners attending. We thank Sinead Hughes, Stephen Moroney and Maureen Kelly and all those who helped with the Youth focus at this mass.

We will continue :

- To lead for St Adrian's school attendance at parish masses on Holy days of Obligation arising during term-time, with the school children participating in the mass, e.g. reading, alter serving, etc.
- Linking St Barts food pantry to our St Adrian's community.
- Actively supporting the Sunday Children's Liturgy with Sinead Hughes, Ben Lizzio and Maureen Kelly 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. The next mass is likely to be in the early part of the Summer Term.
- 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.