

Administration plans and suggestions

•Furniture replacement

Further investigate recommended source for looking at and buying furniture

• Gift Aid

Set up a help/ enquiry desk to help newcomers or those who may still need clarification, when the new envelopes come out.

• Welcome booklet

Suggestion: have an information booklet, listing all regular parish activity groups in addition to posting events on the Facebook page and website

• Fire Marshal Scheme

Implement a system so that there are marshals in the congregation at Mass since we now have parishioners who have been on training

• Observation

There has been great improvement in the fabric with the new toilets, hall and kitchen



Faith Formation plans and suggestions

•Advent and Christmas

Thank you to all the families who participated and helped out in the Advent Project and at Christmas Eve, our Filipino parishioners who organised a wonderful Children's Christmas party which the children thoroughly enjoyed and to Joan and Jyoti for their gifts.

• Sunday School

Welcome to our 2 new catechists who joined this term. Our focus will be the Easter project. The term finishes on 31st March.

• Flores de Mayo

Please note: on the day our children and their parents will pray the Rosary in Church.

Other notices

Biennial Passover Seder is on this year -the Jewish Seder is organised and led by Alan Brudney of Alyth Synagogue and Joan How, as part of the RCIA **More details to follow**



Alvaro led us in an opening prayer.

WELCOME

Fr Tony welcomed everyone present, including Council members and thanked us for attending. In his opening remarks, he reminded us that every Council meeting is open. All parishioners are encouraged to come and participate. It will be helpful if more did as we can benefit from a wider talent pool.

Purpose – Parish Plans for 2019

This meeting provided an opportunity to share plans of what we hope to collectively achieve in the next 12 months.



Before the sharing began, Fr Tony gave the following updates

Calendar of events – n.b. Night Shelter Training (12th February 2019)

Fr Tony passed out copies of a calendar of events for the next few months. If you volunteered and/or would like to help out, please take note: **training for the Night Shelter is on 12th February 2019 at Golders Green Parish (St Alban's)**. The Shelter will run one night a week on Tuesdays during the winter months. **Further information to follow.**

Mass schedule

The happy news is that the Mass times remain the same this year. Thanks to Fr James' timely arrival and the fact that he is staying with us a while longer, we will not be changing the Mass times, yet. Although Fr James will be here, his new schedule means he is only available to celebrate Mass up to January. Fr Tony has made arrangements from February onwards. A retired priest and the Columbans will alternate

Breakout discussions in the 5 areas of focus, followed. Then the groups came back together and each group gave a short verbal report

Highlights from the group discussions



Social Events calendar and suggestions

- **Plan for Pancake Supper -Shrove Tuesday 5th March 2019**

We'll provide the pancakes; ***fellow parishioners to contribute fillers please***

- **Annual Easter shared lunch – Sunday 21st April 2019**

This popular event will hopefully take place on Sunday 21st April.

- **Flores de Mayo (flowers of May) festival**

Our Filipino parishioners will lead us in this May festival.

- **June** is summer barbecue time



Suggestions

- **Bake Sale**

Organise a bake sale to celebrate this talent of many of our Parishioners. Proceeds to be given to Fr Tony for a charity of the Parish's choice

- **Proposed fundraising event – Dinner Auction**

Have an auction with dinner in Autumn We will gratefully receive donations for the auction. Money raised will go to Fr Tony for parish use.



Outreach plans and suggestions

Project update – Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea

Total raised so far £2,600 . **Thank you all for your generosity**
Last planned event: **coffee and cake sale on 17th March** to meet the remaining goal amount of £400.

- **Open House 2019 – 21/22 September 2019**

Take part this year since we couldn't last year, due to the hall renovation works. As before, we will be asking for your help in organising different aspects.

- **Barnet Multi Faith Forum – Youth Forum**

Still need someone to come forward as the **St Edward Youth Ambassador** for the Youth Forum. **Is that you? Can you recommend someone? Then please see Deacon Anthony**

- **End of Life Forum**

Preparing for the last phase of life is now one of the highest priorities. Plan: put wish lists available from Diocese on our parish website and possibly in the porch. Note: Barnet has more old people in its population. Coordinate my Care is a service which coordinates care around the individual.

- **Foodbank**

Thank you - your continued generosity is much appreciated as we always need more food.

- **Night Shelter Training – Tuesday 12th February**

As Fr Tony mentioned, the initial training for this is Tuesday 12th February at Golders Green Parish (formerly St Alban's)



Worship plans and suggestions

- **Liturgy formation - 17th March**

We have liturgy formation again this Lent. The **first session is on 17th March. Everyone is welcome.**

- **Children's Mass**

We are keen to see and make use of our children's talents more, perhaps starting with the Mass in January.

- **Celebrating unity in diversity**

Some suggestions of ways we could celebrate the cultural diversity of our parish community by planning and working with different groups:

- 1) **Languages** incorporate different languages within parts of worship, for example, singing.
- 2) **Different liturgies** occasionally having special celebrations of Mass that reflect our Parish more such as Folk Mass, Latin Mass
- 3) **Special feast in the liturgical calendar** advance publicity and highlighting of special feasts to encourage more representation and celebration of days such as Michaelmas, St Blaise (the blessing of throats – 3rd Feb)

- **Mass intention – praying for deceased loved ones**

Suggestion: have the name of the deceased repeated at that part during the Eucharistic prayer, so we remember them in prayer.