

family. We would need to provide housing, support and help for the family including learning English and integrating the children in school. It is a 2-year commitment. The first issue is finding somewhere to live. It is a big issue and challenge. We think this is a good idea. We would love to hear your thoughts. Please let us or Fr Tony know.

### Car pool rota

We will respond to specific requests as they are made and/or needed.

### Formation for Catechists

Joan How has started a course for a Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry with the Maryvale Institute.

### Passover Seder

The Seder, led by Alan Brudney, takes place during Holy Week.



## Social Events

Coordinating ministries & activities relating to hospitality

### Pancake night – Shrove Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

The evening was a great success.

### Coming soon

The next social events are Easter Shared lunch and the Summer barbecue.



## Administration

Coordinating ministries/activities relating to finance, buildings, communication

### Inventory

The Diocese has advised that we need to get a value for items on the inventory. We will ask the Finance Committee to look into that.

### Furniture replacement

We now have an idea of the quantity of tables and chairs we should ideally have in the hall and parish room.

### Communications Group

We now have a Parish Communications Group. They will be meeting quarterly to review various means of communication in the Parish.



## News from the Parish Council March 2019

In this short Bulletin, you will find highlights from the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019



### OPENING PRAYER

Deacon Anthony gave the opening prayer.



Fr Tony welcomed everyone. He shared the following updates:

### Updated calendar – April to July 2019

Fr Tony gave out copies of the calendar for the period April to July 2019. He drew attention to the **Organ fund launch – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. There will not be a particular event to launch the fund. Fr Tony will simply make an announcement at all Masses.

### African Mass – preparatory meeting 4 pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Our African parishioners met on Saturday to organise an African Mass.

### Session about healthy eating – 2 pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

There was a talk about healthy eating on Saturday, in the Parish hall.

### Hiring the hall for regular use

A Kumon group have approached Fr Tony about hiring the hall to offer after-school tuition in English and Maths. They have agreed to use of the hall from 3 to 6.30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, which is a good time to let out the hall. A lease is being drawn up. This could bring in additional income of about £5,000 per year.

### Fr James

Fr James works almost full time now, as both hospital and prison chaplain. He will be moving to the Presbytery on Commercial Rd. So he will be leaving us, most likely at the end of March.

## Highlights from the Groups

### FAITH FORMATION

### Easter project – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

This year's project activity, Easter cards, is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> March.



## Faith Formation

*Coordinating ministries/activities relating to adult faith formation, youth ministry, children catechesis*

### **Sunday School - Reception class**

The usual age for Reception class is 5 years. In response to requests received from parents, we plan to start with older children (aged 5 )in September and let younger ones, aged 4+, join in from January.

### **Catechists**

Thanks to the Catechists who joined us from the Call to Service, for their much needed additional help and support with Sunday School.



## Worship

*Coordinating ministries & activities relating to liturgy*

### **Divine Mercy Poster**

A public notice about the poster is on display outside. This is needed, in line with Historic England requirements, because the Church is a listed building. The poster will be similar in size to the Stations of the Cross.

### **Sharing the fruits of Adoremus**

We are following Adoremus activity within our Parish with keen interest. There was a fellowship evening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February-It was an interesting audio talk about how Judaism is carried on into the Catholic Church, focused on the Eucharist . It was by Prof Roy Schoeman, a Jew who became Catholic. He will be coming to give talks in the UK this summer. The food was nice too.

Some of our Parishioners are going to a Proclaim 15 workshop on the Eucharist on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

This year, we hosted this ecumenical service which focuses on the plight of women in different countries. Each year a different church within Golders Green hosts the service, which is arranged by a different country. This year it was Slovenia and was very interesting.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Goal Achieved! Mission Project– Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea**

Thanks to your generosity, we reached our fundraising goal of £3,000. In fact, We were over by £213. The balance will be divided between Pancreatic



## Outreach

*Coordinating ministries/activities relating to Parish pastoral care, home visits, Foodbank, Christian Service, ecumenical outreach*

Cancer and the Jesuit Refugee Fund.

We already sent off a payment of £1,500 for the Mount Hagen Project, just before Christmas. We are waiting for an acknowledgment of receipt before sending the second and final cheque.



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

Our application has been approved. We need to pay £300. We will be drawing up a list of the volunteers needed.

### **Barnet Multi Faith Forum – Youth Forum**

We are still looking for someone to come forward as the St Edward Youth Ambassador for the Youth Forum. Please see Deacon Anthony if you would like to volunteer yourself or can recommend someone you think is suitable.

### **Foodbank**

Thank you all for your continued generosity. It is going well

### **Visiting Group**

There are now 10 people who regularly come to the Group meetings. Also the Group also now has a list of people to visit.

### **Baby Loss Matters**

This bereavement concern focuses on supporting anyone who has suffered baby loss. The Cathedral will be having a bereavement Mass for people who have lost a child. However, this is about doing so within our Parish. There are various suggested ideas including creating designated memorial spaces within the Church, such as the Calvary Chapel.

### **Hampstead Garden Suburb Heritage Virtual Museum Representative**

As one of the organisations in the Museum, the Chair of Trustees has invited us to become a member, with representation at the Annual General Meeting. Our thanks to David Lawrence who has very kindly volunteered to be our Parish Representative

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

### **CARITAS Community Sponsorship**

CARITAS is advocating a community sponsorship scheme. Basically, a community group (in this case, our parish), welcomes an approved refugee