

## Sunday School

We now have the children's liturgy in the Parish room and it is much better especially for safeguarding issues. We do need chairs that make less noise

With the new catechists in post, for the first time, in a long time, Alvaro did not have to teach and could focus on coordinating and communicating with parents. Alvaro does still need help with the children's liturgy.

## Safeguarding -DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks

The check needs to be renewed every 3 years. Any parishioner with a role, who comes into contact with children and vulnerable adults, needs a check and certificate. Alvaro will liaise with Elaine who focuses on non-catechists.

## Altar Servers

We need more young Altar servers and plan to build them up from the First Communion group every year. We are doing well with adult altar servers

## Engaging the youth of our parish

Sue kindly undertook to look into young Vinnies (of St Vincent de Paul Society) as an activity for engaging our parish youth.



## Social Events

### Bingo night – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

This was a great success, thanks to Jyoti. Many more people than anticipated came and had lots of fun. People asked when the next one is and £370 was raised for the Passage

## Movie night

People still appreciate it. There may be the occasional one.

## Pancake Supper – Shrove Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

This is a free, ticketed event. Karen kindly volunteered to print the tickets posters and sign up sheets for sweet and savoury fillings. Ticket holders are asked to bring on the night—pancakes will be provided.



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## News from the Parish Council January 2020

In this short Bulletin, you will find highlights from the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020



## OPENING PRAYER

Jill Brudney gave the opening prayer.



Fr Tony shared the following:

### Fr John Helm

Fr John is in Nazareth House so it is now easier for any parishioner wishing to visit him.

## Glentree

Glentree wrote, asking to meet with Fr Tony and explain their plans. It will be helpful to have a parishioner who is knowledgeable in these matters. Our thanks to Jim Biek who kindly volunteered to be at the meeting.

We need to be aware and check if any work done, since Glentree first lodged the application, keeps it live

## Hill works

Kingsley School has withdrawn. A few teachers have continued to help those wishing to qualify in summer. We now have the opportunity to sort out a few works including getting the front door done. Currently a trench has been dug as part of dealing with the subsidence issue

## Year of the Word – Wednesday Bible Study and Timeline 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Deacon Anthony resumes Bible Study sessions. In addition, Mauro Ianucelli is running *Timeline*, a Bible-based workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This is a full day, starting with Mass at 8 am followed by the session at 9 am.

The Parish is subsidising the charge so participants pay £13 each. This covers Mauro's fee, materials and handouts. Mauro is going to speak about this at all Masses, the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Mass schedule

Happily, changes to the Mass schedule are temporarily suspended. Fr Tony is celebrating 3 Masses out of 5 thanks to Fr Terry (retired priest from East Finchley), Fr David and the Columbans covering 2 Masses.

# News Highlights from the Groups



## Outreach

### Mission Project - School of Joy, Bethlehem

The amount raised at the Christmas Market was £1100, making a total to date of £1,865.00. Our thanks to the Confirmation Group who were so helpful.

We plan to hold a Spring Sale around Easter – at present it looks unlikely we will reach our target of £3000.

### Christmas Gifts

A parishioner sent a letter of thanks. A member of the Visiting Group and Jill kindly took Christmas goody bags to some of the housebound parishioners, which were very well received. A suggestion is that this might be a project to think about for next Christmas and beyond. Perhaps the Confirmation group could deliver the gifts as most of the recipients were happy and excited to receive them and would appreciate a visit from younger people.

### Foodbank

December Christmas collection was excellent and January's was also plentiful. St Mary's are looking for a rep from St Edward's to be a trustee so they can get charitable status. This will either be Hilary Funston or Joan How, who have both kindly volunteered.

### RCIA

There are now 3 candidates for RCIA - one from St Edward's and 2 from St Philip's, who are joining with us this year. The agreement is that the Rites will be split between the two parishes: Rite of Welcome at St Edward's and Rite of Sending Forth at St Philip's.

### Bereavement Group

We now have several links to resources which are useful in convening this group. Remaining points have been shared with Deacon Anthony and can be discussed before the March Parish Council meeting.

### Visiting Group

Outreach work by Visiting Group members is very good. Attendance at Visiting Group by group members is low. David has asked group members to update by email, but this has not yet been forthcoming. We need to think about other ways of communicating within the group to support our group members without adding to their tasks.



## Administration Health and Safety – drop safe

For safety reasons, Fr Tony is not meant to handle the offertory bags alone. The recommended advice is to get a drop safe to store offertory and second collections until 2 or more others can be present. The search to find a suitable safe is ongoing – the ones found to date are too small, we need one that can accommodate up to 18 bags.

### Health and Safety – removal of last pew

We agreed to have a trial period of removing the last pew, to create space at the back for wheelchair and push chair access/use

### CCTV (Closed Circuit Television)

We need to update CCTV every year. The ideal is to have 3 cameras covering the hall, front of church and presbytery. The flower room is kept locked so there is no need for coverage there. Fr Tony is looking at various options including the Ring system which is user friendly and effective .

### Furniture replacement

Now we have new tables, we need to look into replacing some of chairs.



## Worship Carol Service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

There was a good turnout. The children's contribution was excellent. Comments were that it was one of the best Services.

### Prayer and Life Workshops (PLW)

Joy and Fr Tony are to liaise about dates to have the PLW sessions for Spanish speakers at St Edward's, after Lent.

### Year of the Word

The *Timeline* workshop replaces liturgical formation this year. The anticipated number of participants is 30-50. It was agreed to let other parishes know

### Joint concert with Alyth Synagogue

Alyth can no longer take part. The planned February concert is cancelled



## Faith Formation

### Read of the month

For the month ,Sue chose leaflets about *Year of the Word*, which are 25p each. Hopefully, this encouraged every family to have a copy and buy extra ones to share with others. People have also asked for children's Mass books. As regards the suggestion to create a library for spiritual enrichment, Sue will look for a mobile trolley where people can leave/borrow books