

## HOLY APOSTLES AND MARTYRS PARISH COORDINATORS' MEETING

THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7pm at 'The Trees'

In Attendance: Fr Phil Moor, Mick Brown, Tony Mossman, Rachael O'Sullivan, Val Ward & Deacon Jim (via zoom)

**Apologies:** Sheila Morrison and Kay O'Rourke

**Opening Prayer** – Eternal Rest for Sr Jo, Elle Edwards and Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.

Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November were approved.

**Matters arising** – In item 3/3 the last sentence should read "Fr Phil said we should not be changing the words to hymns or the liturgy without his prior approval." Disposal of books – faith books to St Anne's Rock Ferry the rest possibly to SVP shop or other charity shop. Item 5/4 The request for a noticeboard was reviewed – it was agreed that a whiteboard should be provided for the gardening and other groups. Fr Phil and Tony to discuss with Anne storage solution for gardening equipment.

**Christmas Eve shooting:** Fr Phil has visited the Lighthouse and spoken to staff, the Greene King brewery are being very supportive. Last Saturday (31/12/2022) Church was opened from 2-5pm for reflection and private devotion in the wake of the shooting of Elle Edwards. Elle's mother, members of family and friends attended. We have no news on where the funeral is to take place but if not at HAM Fr Phil will offer a Requiem Mass on the same day.

**Items from the Parish:** 1) Claire Hetherington does not want to continue as the Bereavement Mass coordinator. 2) Brendan Schmack and Rachael Clark have both undergone SVP bereavement training – Fr Phil is to meet with Racheal. 3) The missing candle stand has been found behind the Lady Altar. 4) £150 loan agreed for the gardening group to buy plants etc. 5) The collection for CARITAS at Christmas raised £1192.59 – the parish will make up to £1200. 6) Paul's party – no date confirmed yet, now aiming at date around his next actual birthday – end of April / beginning of May 2023.

**From maintenance to Mission – Parish Development Plan:** A Coordinators Day together - suggested date 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 9am-1pm. Coordinators to encourage more people to be involved in parish life, hopefully this would mean rotas could be 1 in 4 / or 1 in 6 weeks which would not be too demanding. Need to reinstate the Social Committee. More welcomers needed particularly for the 11am Mass. 2) Jean McParland is making new albs for the altar servers. Potential new altar servers among the 15 mini-Vinnies from Ss Peter and Paul.

**Faith Development:** The Sycamore programme could dovetail together with RCIA. Dates to be decided. A note in the newsletter this week to see who would be interested in attending.

### **Other parish news and A.O.B.**

- 1) Parish email addresses. We currently have 260 on the list – which is out of date. A note in this week's newsletter.
- 2) The Parish Website is out of date and needs major surgery! Mick has volunteered himself and Bernie to learn the ropes and take this project on. Fr Phil to speak to Tom Ballinger. Twitter and Facebook seem to be ok.
- 3) Food Bank – Advent Appeal and PJ appeal responses were very good.
- 4) Christmas Masses were well attended with 403 people at the Children's Mass!
- 5) A parishioner has asked if the crib could be replaced with a new one. What would the cost be?
- 6) Christmas 2023 – would like Irish coffee, mince pies, music and singing on the last Sunday before Christmas as we used to before the dreaded COVID!
- 7) Ash Wednesday is 22<sup>nd</sup> February this year. We will have Stations of the Cross as usual on Fridays during Lent. Mick will be away for Easter this year so Alan will co-ordinate the Holy Week music.
- 8) On a Sunday in Lent, we will have a late cake and wine celebration for Fr Peter Walton's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fr Phil will ask Chris Culkin to make the cake.
- 9) 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Bishop Mark will be here to celebrate 11am Mass for Fr Phil's Silver Jubilee.
- 10) 4<sup>th</sup> July - This is Fr Phil's Silver Jubilee, Mass of Thanksgiving at 7pm followed by refreshments.
- 11) Tony said we need two more money counters. John Ward has volunteered.
- 12) Deacon Sean Henry will be ordained priest on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Everyone is invited. A note will be in this week's newsletter.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting** - 7.00pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 'The Trees'

**Closing Prayer.**