

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting
Immaculate Conception, Maryhill
Thursday 26th October, 2023**

Present: Pauline Bradshaw, Iona Craig, Fr Jim Lawlor, Catherine McGhie, Savannah McKibbin, Brian Martin (chair), Clare Smith, Stephen Towie and Mark Wilson.

Apologies: Julie Hughes, Isobel Sergeant, Merlyn Soutar and Frances Toner.

Item	Summary of Discussion
3	Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the meeting of 7th September were agreed and appropriate items carried forward.
4	Matters Arising a) Together We Make Maryhill (TWMM) The retreat, led by Ignatian spirituality centre, was held on 21st September and went very well. Over 50 attended from a mix of congregations. Current projects – Warm Welcome and Mens Breakfast continue to flourish. b) Hall Projector and Laptop Projector is in hand and laptop was in a cupboard in Chapel house.
5	Update on “Looking to the Future” Father Jim reported on the meeting of the Deanery Council which had taken place on 2nd October. A sub-group consisting of 1 priest and 1 parishioner from each Parish in the cluster is constituted to identify mothballing one building. A 30% reduction in building use across the Deanery has been mooted. This sub-group will meet on 6th November with Father Jim and Catherine present. Ways for the 3 Parishes to work together moving were discussed. A coming together of the Parish teams and/or a spiritual gathering, such as a reconciliation service, were suggested. The 5 sub-groups across the Deanery must submit recommendations by 30th November on buildings to mothball. There will also, in time, be a discussion on how many priests are required across the Deanery. The publishing of findings from the Synod has been delayed a year until October 2024. There are 4 modules to be considered and we are in the middle of module 4. A year of reflection will follow before the Pope issues a letter outlining the findings.
6	Sacramental Update There will be a Mass of Commitment for those wishing to receive the Sacraments on Sunday 29th October. As at 26th October: 34 Confirmandi from 5 schools on Thursday 30th November

	3 will take place at Easter Vigil (There will be a one day retreat for Confirmation preparation on Wednesday 22nd November. Pupils from St Mary's and St Blane's will attend and attendance from other schools is being negotiated.) 42 First Communicants from 10 schools on Saturdays 18th May and 1st June 3 will take place at Easter Vigil 37 First Reconciliations on Saturday 9th March 9 Baptisms, including siblings, Monday 8th January
7	Calendar for New Liturgical Year The calendar for the new liturgical year needs to go to publisher by mid-November.
8	Safeguarding update A few more volunteers are required. Savannah and Steven had now undergone training. A safeguarding statement is needed for the website. The statement was made available to Parish on the first weekend in October. There is an audit due in January.
9	Fabric and Finance The church boiler died on 13th October. Engineers will install replacement by the weekend (28/29th October). Boiler cost £12,000. £5,000 of this came from a donation from the estate of Ian McGuigan. Repairs to the church stairs are required. 3 quotes for the work are required. A meeting of the Fabric and Finance group will be arranged for 9th November at 7 PM in the Chapel house.
10	Levy and Rebate from WYD There is around £110,000 in the Parish account. The levy will take a large proportion of this. We have the largest levy on this side of the Diocese. The levy is approximately £80,000 after a recalculation. There was a rebate of around £2000 from WYD.
11	Future Planned TWMM Activity A curry night will be held at the Polo Club on Tuesday 31st October for young people. Reaching out to young people, generally, from the University of Glasgow Halls and Centres in our community was discussed. A separate bank account for TWMM is being opened to simplify accounting. A Taize prayer service will be hosted by Immaculate Conception on 23rd November. Open to all. A winter pop up will take place on 16th December at ASDA. The idea of opening TWMM to the other churches in the Maryhill Rd corridor. The TWMM partnership as it exists is very distinct and expanding might complicate. It was decided that it might be preferable to ensure that invitations to events go to all

	churches. Extending the grouping to Maryhill Churches Together was also discussed and a formal invitation to the other churches to join in planning for Christian Unity Week via the Ecumenical Group was considered.
12	AOCB The hall is being well used, thanks to Iona for this. As an inevitable result, there is more wear and tear in the hall. There was a discussion of the appointment of a 'hall manager' to check the things that need replaced and contact the people who can carry out the small jobs. Savannah volunteered for this. The need for an 'estates manager' was also discussed. The Parish brochure was used as an example of good practice in Motherwell Diocese. A pizza/pakora night will be planned for young people prior to the prelim exams on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd December) after 5.30 PM mass.
13	Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 5th December at 7pm in the church hall.