

**Minutes of Parish Coordinating Team Meeting**  
**Immaculate Conception, Maryhill**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

Apologies: Isobel Sergeant, Merlyn Soutar and Frances Toner.

| Item | Summary of Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 3    | <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were agreed and appropriate items carried forward.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4    | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a) Together We Make Maryhill (TWMM)</b></p> <p>Funds are healthy (£6K in funding for Warm Welcome and £6.5K in donations). Bank account still being worked on.</p> <p>Christmas/Advent pop up in December was another success.</p> <p>Pre-prelim exam gathering for young people in December attracted good numbers.</p> <p>Christian Unity Week begins 18<sup>th</sup> January. There are events every day (Monday to Friday) across 4 churches (Immaculate Conception, Maryhill Ruchill, St Gregory's and Findlay). Mark has invited a number of additional churches in the area to the events.</p> <p>The next TWMM meeting will take place at the end of January and new member, Eva Feely, will be welcomed.</p> <p>The Foodbank was discussed. The number of bags of shopping distributed continues to grow. The funds are healthy, however, due to the high level of donations (notably food donations from Marks and Spencer).</p> <p>There are a huge number of volunteers working at the Foodbank but there is a need for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>a new shopper</i></li> <li>• <i>a newsletter writer</i></li> <li>• <i>volunteers who can work on the door (this requires attendance every day in a week, one week in a four week rotation)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>There is also a need for a driver for the Breakfast Club who can drop food at 9AM on a Monday.</i></p> <p>The level of food donation to the Foodbank has resulted in it becoming a hub for donation to other foodbanks. There was some discussion of support for a newer Foodbank in the East End (Frances is involved here).</p> <p>Employing someone to manage the Foodbank is under consideration.</p> <p>Proposal to take a group of young people (12-18) to 'Teen Ranch'. Group from</p> |

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|           | Maryhill Ruchill attend each June with great feedback. This is a Christian outdoor activity centre. Activities include horse riding, archery and water sports. There are three 'time out' periods for reflection. Cost is £120 per person, Maryhill Ruchill subsidise 50%. <i>Adult helpers are required so that PVG can be arranged. Father Jim to advertise in bulletin.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Update on "Looking to the Future"</b><br><br>There has been little movement on this due to the Christmas season. The suggestions for church buildings to close were submitted in November.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Sacramental Update</b><br><br>First Confessions will take place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March with First Communions in May and June.<br><br>The sacramental statistics are submitted to the Archdiocese and are then sent to Rome. The church 'yearbook' is published annually with these numbers included. All our numbers for 2023 were up on previous years.<br><br>The estimated Catholic population was discussed. A historical number of 4500 has been used for many years. The 'snapshot' figure, recorded in November, of weekend mass attendance was 831. This is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest in the Archdiocese.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Calendar for New Liturgical Year</b><br><br>The calendar was produced and has been distributed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Safeguarding update</b><br><br>The annual audit is due at the end of March.<br><br>There are a number of new PVG applications in process. Training has taken place but letters of approval are awaited.<br><br>Pauline was thanked for her work on safeguarding.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Fabric and Finance</b><br><br>The front stairs are still the major, outstanding repair.<br><br>The new church boiler is working well and the hall boiler is being monitored.<br><br>There is a need to extend the Fabric and Finance team to include someone with a civil/conveyancing background. <i>Father Jim to advertise in bulletin.</i><br><br>Several modification to improve accessibility were identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>a railing running from the end of the ramp from the side door to the carpark</i></li> <li>• <i>a banister to aid readers coming onto altar</i></li> <li>• <i>a light on the lectern to aid reading</i></li> </ul> Church Funds are also healthy. £22K was paid for parish levy. £50K to be invested in central funds.<br><br>Ways to facilitate cashless donations at mass were discussed. This will be discussed again after consideration. |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Future planned TWMM activity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|           | <p>The re-arranged Seasons of Growth seminar will take place on Monday 29th January at 7pm at Maryhill Ruchill Church.</p> <p>The Lent/Easter pop up will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Planning for Father Jim's absence due to surgery in March to include 4 Poverty Suppers. Ben Wilson will talk about SCIAF campaign for one and Julie agreed to deliver an introduction to Christian meditation at another. <i>Two other speakers required.</i></p> <p>There will be an Ecumenical service at Immaculate Conception during Holy Week.</p> <p>Father Jim will be back in action for the Easter Triduum with 10 people being initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</p> <p>The Justice and Peace group needs a new organiser. Possibility of working with other Justice and Peace groups and training available from SCIAF was discussed.</p> <p>It was noted (by Brian's daughter) that the banner from the altar was missing. It has been damaged and will be replaced, with a new year displayed.</p> <p>An application to the Archdiocese Evangelisation Fund was prepared and submitted by Catherine and Iona. £7K was requested. This comprehensive application was circulated by email.</p> |
| <b>13</b> | <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7PM in the hall.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |