

**Parish of St Hugh & St John the Baptist**

**Parish Pastoral Group**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

In attendance:

Rory O'Hare; Pauline Lloyd; Agnes McHugh; Brendan Coyle; Brenda Ackroyd; Frank Elder; Lucy McGee; Tracey Comrie; Celia McNally; Hugh Faupel

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Parish Epiphany Event</b></p> <p>The Parish is to host an Epiphany Event on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> January. An opportunity to thank those Parishioners who bring their gifts and talents to the Parish, and an opportunity to invite others to do so over the coming year. With an open invite the event would run well after the Vigil Mass on the Sat Evening.</p> <p>Comment was made that evening celebrations can be difficult for those with young families to attend. As the Epiphany celebrations are also the first weekend in January, the monthly coffee mornings on Sunday present an opportunity to capture and thank those parishioners with young families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fr Pat to circulate notice in the bulletin;</li><li>• Julia to send out invite to Parish Group leaders.</li><li>• All to encourage as many Parishioners to attend,</li></ul>
<p><b>Alpha</b></p> <p>Discussion over the use of Alpha as a gateway programme for the Parish. Could be an opportunity to re-engage youth, but also a useful tool to re-engage parishioners. The Outcomes of Alpha not limited to spiritual, but also the establishment of small group communities within the Parish.</p> <p>Need to ensure that we don't create a two tier church, and recognition that the Alpha programme will not appeal to all. Need to ensure that there is an environment of inclusion and opportunities outside of the Alpha programme for wider Parish involvement. Alpha is a good introductory programme but that there are other Faith building courses (such as RCIA) and we should look to build a bigger programme of faith development and an environment of 'continuous learning and development of faith.'</p> <p>Day of Alpha taking place at <i>Our Ladys</i> (TBC) on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 and all encouraged to attend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rory to circulate details of Day of Alpha to group</li><li>• Fr Pat, Rory: to identify a programme lead for the Parish Alpha course</li></ul>
<p><b>Youth Mass</b></p> <p>Short discussion over the Mass and its appeal to the Young adults and teenagers in the Parish. More dynamic music, relevant homilies and the right hospitality to make the celebration of the mass more relevant. Possible suggestion of a monthly "3<sup>rd</sup> Sat / 1<sup>st</sup> Sat" style mass for post confirmation young adults, followed by <i>Pizza in the Presbytery</i> – an opportunity to chat and socialise in the Presbytery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group to explore further.</li></ul>

**Parish Hall (Parish Infrastructure)**

Discussion over the internal decoration of the Hall and other matters. It was noted that the Parish centre sign facing the Manchester Rd incorrectly refers to the Parish hall as Parish of HoL only. No mention of JtB. Needs to be corrected.

Need to make the hall the engine room of the parish. Potentially need to establish an infrastructure sub-group to take ownership of grounds and building concerns.

Hall Ideas:

- Need a Crucifix for the lobby and the meeting room.
- Need a "Coffee Morning Today" sign
- Large silk/painted banners for hall gable wall – possibly underway. Need to follow up. May need to fund raise.
- Parish notice board – in hall and church detailing church groups
- Picture Walls – good frames, selection of prints changing regularly – fun, and spiritual posters, inspirational messages and artwork – lots of potential sites to draw inspiration from. Need to ensure it stays 'fresh' and well maintained.
- Picture walls – could also include art produced by school children at St Hughs

- Manchester Rd sign to be corrected (*needs an owner*)
- Establish an infrastructure group.
- Julia to follow up on banners
- Need a small group to work on presentation ideas for notice boards and Pictures

**Next Meeting: Thursday 1 February, 8pm**