

Pastoral Team Meeting Summary

Date & Time: Tuesday 22nd October 2024, 19:30.
Venue: Parish Office, St Theresa's.
In attendance: * Please see the parish directory for details of our pastoral team.

- The school says, *"Please feedback briefly about the CSI inspection and the positive impact that the Parish has had on the school's Catholic Life and Mission."*
- **First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation preparation** – 88 applications received; Our Lady Star of the Sea 23; Sacred Heart 18; St Peter's 47.
- **Car park at St George's** – repairs have been done.
- **Gardening at St Theresa's** – We now have a part-time groundskeeper.
- Safeguarding. Following the horrific incident in Southport, some hirers have raised safeguarding concerns about not being able to see through the doors.
- Review of summer term, including fete. Fr Tony thinks it went really well. Fundraising side of things was very successful, total raised was £2,389, of which the parish contributed £674. Fr Tony thanks everyone for their input.
- School – recently had their Catholic School Inspection. A key point of their previous inspection was to improve school and parish links. We have certainly done that! Fr Tony thanks the team for their efforts in building relations with the school.
- The Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Deanery.
 - The new parish. The official process of the new parish will begin in February 2025. Fr Tony thinks it could be a very good thing for our Deanery.
 - Deanery changes: Fr David Parmiter (Hove, St Peter's) and Fr Stephen Hardacker (Rottingdean with Woodingdean, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Patrick's).
 - Representation. Fr Tony would like to encourage members of the team to come along to the wider meetings.
 - Newsletters. Joint newsletter for this side of the Deanery is in the works at the moment, to include St Theresa's, St George's, St Mary Magdalen's, Sacred Heart, and St Peter's. Readings at Mass will also be included.
 - Sacramental Programmes. FHC, almost 90 applications across the five churches, 23 applications for Our Lady Star of the Sea. Some of the FHC candidates have not yet been baptised and will be baptised as part of their preparation. Three dates are: Easter Sunday 20th April, 9am, St Theresa's, Mass (with Baptisms); Easter Sunday 20th April, 11am, St George's, Mass (with Baptisms); Sunday 18th May, 11am, St George's, Mass (with Baptisms). Confirmation will be done at the cathedral. There will be one preparation programme, based at Sacred Heart.
 - Marriage preparation. Our team will take the course in Crawley, to see how it runs etc, before leading locally. Baptism preparation running alternately with Sacred Heart.
 - Website. There is likely to be one website for 'the new parish', with each church community having its own section / page. Set up cost are about £10,000 (to be shared across the new parish), the running costs will be low. The earliest it will go live will be end of 2025.
- Upcoming Events.
 - November. We have two formation sessions on the new lectionary coming up. The first session hosted by Fr Paul; second session hosted by Fr Tony.
 - In November we remember the dead. Wednesday evening, 27th November, with candles lit for the recently deceased. We will invite the families of any funerals that have taken place in the parish this year, parishioners will also be welcome to put names forward for the candles.
 - All Saints Masses, StT 10am, StG 6pm. All Souls Mass, 10am StT.
 - Blessing of graves, Sunday 10th November at 2pm. Covering Southwick, Portslade and Hove.
 - Advent and Christmas. Reconciliation service on the 4th Sunday of advent.
 - Crib blessing and tree decorating after Mass, 4th Sunday of advent, both churches.
 - 'A Jazzy Little Christmas' concert by Sussex Voiceworks choir, will take place at StT, 8th December, 5-7pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
 - Christmas Eve, StT 5:30pm, Christmas Day, usual Mass times.
- SVP. We have a few new members.
- Date of next meeting. Tuesday 26th November, 19:30, Parish office.