

Dear Parishioners

Notes from the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC).

The PPC is group of people from St Mary's Marple Bridge and the Annunciation, New Mills, who are appointed by the Parish Priest and meet four times a year to discuss matters concerning the Parish. Members of the PPC include - Father Emmanuel, Denise Ead (Chair) Fionuala Boucher, Jim Howell, David Mellor, Nick Reynolds, Anne Winders, Catherine Anderson, Joseph Harvey, and Jo Barber who attends in the role of Safeguarding.

Brief feedback of the main points from the recent PPC meeting.

- 1) Our new Parish Administrator, Mrs. Jessica Brennan was welcomed to her first meeting. Mrs. Brennan can be contacted on her working days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (Contact details available in the Parish Newsletter). Mrs. Brennan will also be taking over the responsibility for the Graveyard / funerals. Jim Howell will be helping until Mrs. Brennan is familiar with the role. (Any Face to Face appointment with Mrs. Brennan will be by prior appointment).
- 2) Safeguarding - Catherine Anderson is the Safeguarding Lead for Marple Bridge, Jo Barber is Safeguarding Lead for New Mills. The 'Acceptable Behaviour Policy' is available at the back of both churches. All volunteers have now completed their CSSA online training, (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency).
- 3) The "Songs of Praise' took place in NM. This was to remember deceased members of the Parish and to raise money, £220.00 to support the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.
- 4) Structural work undertaken at both churches - Tree surgery completed at both churches. Trees removed at MB and contractors to return to repair the wall at MB. Windows at MB to be replaced in October. Graveyard Survey at MB - some work still needs to be done. Lighting at MB is being assessed - needs more lighting from upper car- park to navigate steps to church.
Work on benches at NM needs to be done and this is being investigated.
- 5) New Website - The draft proposal has now been accepted. The next stage is to load data. If there is anyone in the Parish who would like to help with this, please let Mrs. Brennan or Jim Howell know.
- 6) School Liaison - First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programmes are in place. Both schools have been working hard and a special thanks goes to all involved. Children from the schools will also be singing at the Christmas Fair.
- 7) Finance - The Finance Committee also meet to discuss issues outside of the PPC meetings. They are working towards producing a report for Parishioners to see data with explanations.
- 8) Proposed change of Saturday evening mass time at MB from 6.30pm to either 4.00pm or 4.30pm. (During winter months) Father Emmanuel to discuss with parishioners.
- 8) Missio and Mill Hill Red Boxes - if you have one could you please send the money directly to the Mill Hill Missionaries.

If anyone in the Parish would like to raise an issue then please contact Denise or Mrs. Brennan.

The next PPC meeting will be in December. Regards. Denise Ead. Chair, PPC

