

Notes of St Joseph & the English Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council
Monday, 22nd April 2024 at 7.30pm at WCC

Present: Fr Peter, Alison Jones, Tim Mills, Bertie Napier, Marie Rhodes, John Tomkinson
Apologies: Fr Marco, Martin Dillon, Rebecca Faulkner

Finance Update

Mike Carroll gave an update following the completion of the annual parish return for the Diocese. Mass count now c650 rather than 800+ pre-Covid
Offertory receipts down by given inflation impact greater
Property issues current in various parish sites – WCC MH and MHR and liabilities may be higher than budgeted sums
Clear huge work undertaken to prepare data in advance of planned giving campaign due to be undertaken in June. Thanks recorded to Mike Carroll and Martin Curran for the huge efforts, time and expertise provided to the Parish analysing budget and spending.

WCC

Usage remains limited but supports catechetical provision, parish office, Majellans, Wednesday coffees, youth nights and table tennis as well as after mass coffees on Sunday mornings. No key hirer reduces income but also cleaning demands. Recognised lack of parking impacts hiring potential.

EM Recruitment/Communion under both kinds

Additional volunteers to be trained late Saturday pm in near future. GDPR rota issue - resolution ongoing.

Easter Review

All services of the Triduum very busy and demanding with 4 churches being covered. Numbers in SJBS higher than expected. Vigil with Bishop McAleenan went well and 11 RCIA catechumens and 3 candidates received. Suggested stewards might be useful given numbers attending.

Parking

Need to clarify authorised parking arrangements and flag to those parking in area near electric gate so that all parking at the rear, behind the church. Notice in bulletin to provide parking guidance with leaflet to sticker cars over several weekends to inform parking guidance.