

**Parish Gathering – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Chaired by Fr Nicholas - 20 parishioners present**

**Fr Patrick's Retirement**

The date agreed – Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, after 10.30 mass. Bring a plate. Nigel to ask Teri Lopez if she will make a cake. Fr N to ask Fr P if he would like to concelebrate mass that day.

**Social Committee**

Sue emailed the “old” Social Committee members with mixed response. Sue said with no committee as such, we will deal with any events on a “one off” basis. Table Top monthly sales. These will no longer take place due to the huge amount of time Sue spent to earn very little and the regular Saturday morning QI Kwando group which earns more income for the church. The Christmas Fayre is booked for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Sue is considering a Christmas craft fayre on Sunday 21/28 Nov (tba)

**CAFOD** – Was raised. Rachel Kirkham is our rep but has no email. Can anyone take on this important role with Rachel?

**Parish Welcoming** – Sr Dympna handed out some welcome forms to fill in giving our ideas. Sr felt that our church was not “visible” and asked for ideas of how we can promote to new housing communities and regain “lost” mass goers. Pinning info to the portable blue board discussed. Also reviewing the welcome pack.

**First Holy Communion** – BK reported 29 enrolled for 2022. Classes begin on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Split into 2 classes. FHC masses booked for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Cadets of Our Lady Affiliated to Legion of Mary** – Report by Suzy. KS and Suzy represented the parish at Northampton Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Gave the Bishop the Cadets handbook. Strongly promoting the sacrament of reconciliation.

**Allotment** – Suzy also explained her background and how she runs several NHS allotments to promote health and wellbeing including the ground behind the hall. Every Sunday there will be produce available on a table behind the Rose Garden, for a donation to help her buy more seeds. Also Holy Water from Lourdes available. Bring your own bottle.

**Season of Creation – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Copy of Pope Francis' letter on the noticeboard. The Pope is asking for our prayers and participation ahead of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow in November. The Pope's message could be added to the portable blue board discussed earlier.

**Legion of Mary** – KS reported. Celebrated 100 years at the Cathedral on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept with a special mass. Been active in the parish for 4 years including during lockdown with weekly meetings and home visits. Around 50 families have requested the Enthronement of The Sacred Heart. A few still to be completed will happen soon as we open up after lockdown. KS holds an online Rosary every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30pm.

**Altar Servers and Backdrop Curtain** – Trisha Baxter is sorting out the servers gowns. Many servers are coming back to church and have gown. All items washed and check. Trisha thanked Rick for his help to change the curtains during lockdown. Nigel and Kevin happy to start helping with the curtain again. Trish will arrange them for Advent.

**Gardens** – Martin Kay has worked tirelessly on our gardens throughout the pandemic. Huge vote of thanks recorded to MK. Thanks also recorded to John McCague and Trish for their work in helping to keep our gardens lovely. Volunteers encouraged to help when they have an hour or 2 to spare. See MK.

**Finance Committee – Question** was asked. Do we have any official CTK committees? There is only one, the Finance Committee. A diocesan requirement. The Finance Committee has 6 members. Fr Nicholas as PP, Chris Brookes (chair) Christine Allen (treasurer) and 3 committee members. Marguerita Carroll, Tom Devine, Nigel Anstead.

**Minibus** – Nigel encouraged everyone to think about booking the minibus for both church and social outings. Trips to York and Norwich going ahead.

**Welcoming New Folk** – A point was raised by JS about putting up photos of SVP/Legion of Mary etc so newcomers know who's who. This could be added to the welcome pack.

**Welcome Pack** – Nigel will ask JF regarding a review of the welcome pack and getting some copies available. Several new faces this morning. This should include asking newcomers if they have any previous experience or skills they can bring to the parish.

**Coronavirus** – The Catholic Bishops' Conference has not changed its guidelines. We carry on as before although coffee after mass has now begun.

The meeting closed with a prayer and blessing from Fr Nicholas.

**Next meeting** – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2021 @ 11.45am. PH