

Parish Gathering – Sunday 3rd October 2021

Chaired by Fr Nicholas and Chris Brookes – Notes by Ursula Brookes - 20 parishioners present

Fr Patrick's Retirement

A highly successful gathering for Fr Patrick and Rita.

Social Committee

Sue away. Nothing to report

CAFOD – Rachel Kirkham seeking extra help with email. Charleen kindly offered and gave contact details to Teresa W.

Parish Welcoming – Sr Dympna had previously 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. As Sr D was not at the meeting this item was rolled over.

First Holy Communion – 54 enrolled for 2022. Two on waiting list. Huge overflow of permitted numbers at 10.30 mass last Sunday. Solution, 8.45 mass in hall for FHC children and their families followed by classes at 10am. Hilary offered to help BK. To ease congestion in classes FHC children attend once a fortnight.

Cadets of Our Lady - –No report.

Allotment – No report.

Legion of Mary – No report.

Gardens – Martin Kay has worked tirelessly on our gardens throughout the pandemic and was thanked for his work. Any voluntary help always welcome at any time to suit you.

Financial Report for Year Ended April 2021 – Given by CB. Income and expenditure sheets given out and will be available at the back of church for several weeks. We spent more than we received. All parishes in the same boat. Our diocese is also struggling and from April 2022, the parish levy will be increased. Thank you to everyone for their offerings, thanks to Christine A for all her work in the background and to Fr N for being careful with spending.

Minibus – No report, but 8+ trips booked between July and December.

Welcome Pack – Nigel asked JF regarding a review of the welcome pack and getting some copies available. The pack can be viewed on the website and any comments welcome.

Car for Fr N – Teresa W asked if we could buy a car for Fr N. CB will ask the diocese.

Gift Aid Envelopes – Mary asked about this and how do we encourage more to use this method of giving.

Christmas Masses – Fr N will publish details soon.

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

Next meeting – Sun 7th November 2021 @ 11.45am. PH