

## St Edward the Confessor Pastoral Group Meeting

July 17th 2018

**Present:** Lorraine Clapham (Chair), Trish and Tony Cassidy, John Williams, Paul Carmody, Joanna Azavedo-Parker, Lucia Bright, Giacomo Squicciarini, Micha Jazz.

**Apologies:** Fr John, Anne & Paul Owen, Clare Lasker, Tony Wilson, Jessie Woolgar, Moira Moriarty, Susan Johnston, Helen Matteucci.

Lorraine opened the meeting by welcoming Lucia, Giacomo and Micha to the group. This was followed by a reading from the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday.

### **Matters arising:**

**Welcomers' day** - This is being carried forward into the autumn. A small sub- committee met recently and the outcome of this will be picked up later in the year.

**Youth notice board** - The Youth Board is now in the Cloister- much larger and is dedicated to all youth initiatives Parish wide

**Finance** - St Edward's needs more counters.

**Action:** John Williams said that he would look into it.

**Chair of St Edwards group** and membership (see below)

## Agenda Items

**Pastoral Table feedback:** Trish, Tony, John and Paul

### **At Saturday evening Mass:**

A parishioner expressed an interest in coming to the Pastoral group meeting but didn't come. Trish didn't take her name as she thought she would be there. Lorraine suggested that if Trish sees the lady again to share the minutes of the meeting with her and to say that she would be very welcome to come to the next meeting.

**Action:** Trish

### **At Sunday morning Mass:**

- There was some discussion around Welcoming and that children should be involved. Joanna said that Susanna Raynor has volunteered her family at the sub-committee meeting and that maybe leading by example might entuse other families to want to take part. Lucia suggested linking this to the children's Liturgy families.

**Action:** Feedback to Paul Owen

- The success of Youth Board caused the women's group Oasis (JW) to ask if they could have their own board. Lorraine consulted with Fr John on this matter prior to the meeting as it was Fr John who had agreed to the Youth board. His response was that the Youth Board includes all youths across the Parish whereas having individual boards for every group would not be viable. Notices relating to each group when required can be placed in the News letter or on the Parish Website.

- Richard Avery asked if any progress has been made in finding someone else to replace him in his role as being in charge of the altar servers.

**Action:** Paul urgent

- Music was mentioned in that it is not being very child friendly at both the Saturday and Sunday Mass. Joanna agreed to look at this but has to keep the entire congregation in mind.

**Action:** Giacomo and Joanna to liaise to involve the children maybe at the Offertory.

- **Visiting Pastoral Groups in other Parishes** - John Williams suggested that it might be useful if a member/members of our group visited/liased with other Parishes for ideas, best practice. This followed on from a conversation he had with a parishioner from St Edmunds. It was felt by the group that this is a good idea

**Action: all**

#### **Update from Youth Groups activities and recruitment - Cath, Marianne, Joanna**

They had good attendance at the information meeting at Holy Cross. Approximately 26 people attended. 18 people filled out forms. (9 people from St Edwards, the others from Holy Cross and also St Andrews and North Baddesley) 5 willing to lead. Current youth groups are Time Out Zone, Inspire and SWAG. There was a Pizza get together for all three groups. This was very successful and resulted in more interest in all of the groups both with people willing to help and youngsters joining group.

**Future of Outreach projects.** Neither Cath nor Marianne has the time to be involved in the running of these projects. Elizabeth Nash is happy to lead from Holy Cross but needs another person to support her. Currently considering people who attended the information evening and seeing if a volunteer can be found. The next outreach event will probably be in January/February of next year.

**Action:** Need to confirm if Jen Knight is willing to be involved for St Edwards. LC to ask Elizabeth

#### **Senior citizens afternoon tea Saturday August 11th 2018**

Waitrose - have agreed to provide pre packed sandwiches. This event is open to the whole Parish. There are signup sheets in Holy Cross and St Edwards.

#### **Updates from our Prayer Groups:**

##### **Valley Park (Susan Johnston) emailed**

Their next meeting will be on Thursday, 26th July 2018 at 2pm. Heather New will be leading it and it will be at 9 Danebury Gardens, Chandlers Ford SO53 4NQ.

They try and organise a Prayer Group meeting once a month and usually have around 6 to 8 people attending. Someone is asked to host the prayer group so the venue and date are not the same every month-it depends on a convenient date for Heather and the person hosting it.

It is advertised in the parish newsletter and a notice is placed on St. Edward's noticeboard.

##### **Chandlers Ford Fryern (Sheila O'Neill) this is a relatively new group.**

The Fryern Prayer Group meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2-3 pm at the home of Sheila and Pauline O Neill , 19 Carthage Close - a road which is just opposite St Edward The Confessor Church in chandlers Ford. Everyone in the Parish is most welcome

- Each meeting has a theme agreed by all at the previous meeting
- People are invited to bring a prayer, reading to share if they wish
- At our meeting we have music, bible readings, and readings chosen around our theme.
- We have a candle lit time of prayer for the groups and the whole parish's intentions and we have a box for people to put their written intentions in and these are prayed for by members and also link to the prayer circle run by St Swithun Wells Church in fair oak. An update on the health of local members happens and informal visits to these people discussed. A card with our prayers is sent.

- Prayers of thanks giving are said. The needs of all God's People across The World are prayed for.
- After the final prayer we have tea and biscuits and talk to each other and discuss parish events.
- This group is advertised in the newsletter and a poster for the next meeting in September will be put up in the cloisters when the theme will be The Psalms.

Details of this group will be placed in the next new directory for St Edwards

**Action:** Lorraine

**NB.** Feed back and updates from the prayer groups are very useful and help us to direct parishioners to groups in their area. This can be done, as has been the case by email to the chair of the pastoral group. There is no expectation that the prayer group leaders must attend the PG meetings but they are always welcome and we will continue to send to them the minutes of our meetings.

### **COMMUNION AND LIBERATION**

Giacomo and Lucia talked about this movement and brought a summary and history of the group Faith lived out in communion. They meet once a week. They reflect on various texts and try and relate it to how it is current in their lives today. Faith in action. These meetings are open to all but are currently are my word of mouth. In the past they have been involved in organising a day for families. Lorraine suggested that Giacomo and Lucia might want to use the next PG meeting to raise awareness. Hopefully our new priests will be able to attend as they have already been involved in this movement. Joanna suggested that this could be a good topic to share at one of the Youth sessions. Micha suggested that an experience would inspire more than a discussion.....like an event. This moved us onto thinking about outdoor spaces and St Andrews was mentioned as having a good one. **Action:** Giacomo, Lucia and Micha to take forward and update us at our next meeting with their ideas.

### **Oasis (Ladies Group) Jessie Woolgar by email**

They have not had their final meeting yet but are looking forward to the next academic year. Jessie Woolgar.

#### **A few highlights:-**

Christmas meeting where we decorated our own candles

Learning how to do Korean cooking, demonstrated by one of our parishioners

Welcoming our Guest speaker, Nicki who shared with us her very personal and emotional experience of having breast cancer.

Hearing first hand experiences of walking the Camino, by two different speakers

Our mini book club and poetry evening, led by a parishioner

Organising our Parish's Share the Journey walk for CAFOD

Looking forward to a third year, we hope to invite a speaker from the women's prison service to give a presentation for us. We are hoping that we are still a source of welcome and inspiration for the parish.

### **Our Pastoral Group - the future**

**Chair of the Pastoral Group** - Lorraine wishes to stand down as chair but continue to be part of the group. She suggested that it is more beneficial for the success of the group to have a fixed term for

chair person so that new ideas and momentum can be facilitated. After discussion with the group Tony Cassidy agreed to act as interim chairperson.

**AOB:**

Due to ill health Pauline Wilson is unable to organise the next Companions Lunch at Keats. John Williams offered to assist and hopefully will have someone else to help him.

**Date of the next meeting** is Monday **24th September. St Edwards Pastoral Group**

This is a change to the previous date.

**Tuesday 20th November Holy Cross (Joint meeting St Edwards HC)**

**Tuesday 4th December St Edwards**