

**St Joseph's Catholic Church,
New Malden**

**PARISH HANDBOOK
&
OUTLINE OF GROUPS &
ORGANISATIONS**

July 2019

ALTAR SERVERS, JUNIORS

Parish Priest

A second collection was taken in Advent to treat the Altar Servers for Christmas - they were all taken out to Nando's for a fun Saturday lunch, which was a big success. Large numbers of servers assisted with the Holy Week ceremonies, and these went very well, due in no small way to the time which the servers gave up to practise and take part. We intend to recruit new servers in September 2019, for those children who have made their First Holy Communion.

ALTAR SERVERS, ADULTS

Deacon John-Simon

These adults have served for many years, and continue to do so at the various Sunday Masses, and on alternate days at the 7am & 10am daily Masses, as well as offering support to the younger servers.

BOOKSHOP

Maureen Sampson (Bookshop Manager)

The team currently endeavours to open the bookshop after each Sunday Mass (including the Vigil Mass) and in addition on most Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10.40 - 11.10am, and generally on Saturday mornings after 10am Mass.

Jane Downes took over the ordering of repository items from Bernadette Tolley and Geraldine Bennett, particularly supporting the major children's programmes of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in addition to being available for parents' evenings when possible. We aim to provide good quality inexpensive gifts and cards to support these Parish programmes, as well as cards, gifts, cribs etc for Christmas, Easter and other special times in the Church's year.

In addition we have a range of books, leaflets, pamphlets and Christian greetings cards to inform and deepen the faith of our Parish community, which Maureen Sampson is responsible for ordering.

A big thanks to all who help out in the bookshop.

CATENIAN SOCIETY

Michael Bennett

The Association is a group of Catholic Professional men who meet socially at least once a month for the free exchange of views and to help encourage one another and their families in their religious, social and business lives. The members are particularly concerned with the care of widows and children of deceased members and all forms of benevolence to members in difficulty and need. The Association is non political. It is over 12,000 strong and has over 300 circles in Great Britain and overseas. Many Catenians have prominent roles in their local Parishes and Schools working very closely with the Parish Priest to provide much needed help and support.

Kingston Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Malden Golf Club, Coombe Road, New Malden at 8pm.

Everybody is very welcome and for further information, or if you are just curious, please talk to me after the 5.30pm Mass

CELL GROUPS

Mary Cruickshank

Cell groups are a great way of getting to know people and deepening your faith. Cell Groups are formed of parishioners who meet fortnightly. We support each other in faith, read the Gospel for the following Sunday and pray together. We also aim to draw in more members, and so to grow and in due course divide into smaller groups which in turn grow. Cell groups have been meeting in St Joseph's parish for over 20 years and currently there are four groups meeting in each other's houses. One of these is a men's group which meets in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information please contact Mary Cruickshank on 020 8949 0089 or Philip Cook on 020 8942 8588.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Brian & Maxine Whitmore

The St Joseph's Charismatic Prayer Group meets each Monday at 8.00pm in the Lady Chapel. Everyone is welcome. The average attendance over the past year has been around 16 out of an overall membership of about 30. The Monday meetings include Praise and Worship, a sharing element, usually on reflections on passages of scripture, and Intercessory Prayers

The Prayer Group is committed to playing a full and active part in the spiritual life and welfare of the parish. Many members of the Group are actively involved in other aspects of the life of the parish, including Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Eucharistic Adorers, Readers, Singers and Collectors and Welcomers.

The Prayer Group's overall mission statement remains as follows:

1. to increase the awareness of the Holy Spirit and to be open to His power working in our daily lives;
2. to encourage those attending the Prayer Group to maintain a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, praise and scripture;
3. to evangelise through witness, ministry and talks

Within that framework, and having regard to the overall parish priorities and the authority of the parish priest, the prayer group has drawn up the following specific short and medium-term aims and objectives:

- * to strengthen the prayer group both collectively and as individuals by providing suitable teaching so as to foster the proper and orderly use of the charismatic gifts of the spirit during prayer meetings and at other appropriate times;
- * to build up the prayer group as a powerful intercessor for individuals, the parish, the local community and the wider world, in particular by exercising and strengthening its ministry of healing prayer in conformity with the teaching of the Church;
- * to foster diversity within the prayer group by providing a loving and caring environment where people of all backgrounds and nationalities feel welcome and are encouraged to participate fully;
- * to develop the confidence, gifts and skills of those who attend the prayer group so that these may be used for the benefit of the parish and the wider community through individual assistance and specific training.

The prayer group does not have a single leader. Responsibility is exercised by a service team.

The meetings are open to all.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Teresa Elliott

This is a very busy group of mainly ladies, but we do have some very hardworking men, which makes a big difference. Recently we made an appeal for more help as some people had dropped out. Ideally there should be 4 teams of between 4-6 people, to clean the church on Saturday mornings between 8 and 9am. Thank you to the 3 new people who have offered - any more volunteers very welcome.

We vacuum the church and sacristy, sweep and wash the Sanctuary floor, and clean all the glasswork where possible.

This is a very rewarding task, and we would be pleased to see anyone, male or female, who would like to be part of this very worthwhile ministry.

If you would like to join us, please phone Agnes in the parish office for details, or just come along any Saturday morning and we will be very happy to see you.

CONFIRMATION

Anne D'Silva & Catechists

This year we had 36 young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 12th May 2019. We are in the process of recruiting for our next Confirmation course, which will start in September 2019. We are now using the Chosen Confirmation programme that provides everything to prepare students intellectually and spiritually to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The programme both catechises and challenges teenagers to fully embrace a life in Christ. Chosen is a dynamic learning experience centred around fully integrated video and workbook lessons.

We ask the parishioners of St Joseph to remember the Confirmandi in their daily prayer. Thank you.

EVANGELISATION GROUP

Philip Cook

This is a small group set up at the request of Fr. Uche to foster a spirit of evangelisation in all that we do both as a parish community and as individuals.

The last instruction Jesus gave to his disciples before his Ascension was "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News" and each of us, by our baptism, is commissioned to be a missionary disciple. We do this not by preaching, but by being "salt", and "light" and "leaven" in our families, in our workplaces and in society at large. We find the joy, courage and strength to do this through the power of the Holy Spirit and by drawing ever closer to the person of Jesus through prayer, reading the scriptures, and the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Eucharist, the summit and source of all grace.

In his document "The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis has set before us a wonderful vision of the Church as a place of welcome for all, a place of healing (he calls it "a field hospital"), a school of love and a place of sending out. This last is the most necessary: Francis exhorts us to be a Church of the poor and for the poor and this outreach is the deepest expression of our Christian love.

How we put all this into practice is a task not just for the evangelisation group but for all of us in the parish. Much good work is already being done but often by a relatively small number of dedicated people who have been doing it for many years. Reviewing how we do it and refocusing on the missionary imperative - welcoming the stranger and meeting the needs of the poorest - will move us nearer to the model of Church called for by Pope Francis and change ourselves in the process.

Late in 2016, the evangelisation group proposed to the Parish Council that we invite the Sion Community to lead a parish mission and this happened in May 2018. There was also a training course from the Catholic Voices group earlier in the year, to equip people to speak out confidently on Catholic issues. There are more events being planned for the future.

All ideas and suggestions for ways of fostering an evangelising parish are welcome!

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Parish Priest

Parishioners may nominate (in confidence) those whom they think may be suitable, who are then considered by the Parish Priest and may be invited to be commissioned by the Bishop, after the required training sessions. Extra-ordinary Ministers assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass, and some also take Communion to the Sick & Housebound at home or hospital as needed. The rota for this team is revised yearly. The Bishops require Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to attend an annual Day of Recollection (which our Readers are also encouraged to attend) which is designed as a time for prayer and focus on their special role in the Parish.

FINANCE & FABRIC COMMITTEE

Wendy Wentworth

Canon law (Can.537) requires every parish has a parish finance committee; its role is advisory, rather than executive. The committee with the Parish priest share the burden of administration and efficient care of the material goods of the parish.

The duties of the Finance committee involve advising the parish priest on the following.

- Ensure proper books are kept and accurate annual accounts prepared and submitted on time.
- Preparing a budget and review with actual results
- Fundraising, Gift Aid etc,
- Banking and investment of surplus fun
- Maintenance of building and development projects
- Protecting and conserving all parish property
- Agreeing terms of employment for parish employees.

From Parish Financial administration for Parish priests.

May 2017. Archdiocese of Southwark

The St Joseph Parish Finance committee is made up of Fr Uche Njoku, Wendy Wentworth (chair, Treasurer) Deacon John-Simon Lawson (Vice Chair), Andrew Stables (Secretary), Dr Andrez Rejman (Gift Aid organiser), Ron Henstock (Health and safety), Doug Gibbons, Frank Keenan, Michael Barnes, John O'Hara and Agnes Vella.

They meet 4 times a year. All queries should be submitted to a member for discussion at the next meeting.

Please see back pages for Parish Finance Report Summary for 2017-2018.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME - I BELONG

Tony Lorenschitz

We follow a very successful programme at St Joseph's for the younger children who wish to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Over a period of 9 months commencing in October, the children meet in the Pastoral Centre on one or two Saturdays of each month. The children are split into small groups of 6 or 7 and around 8 catechists take the children through each stage of the Mass and what it means through the "I Belong" programme.

Prior to each session, the parents / guardians of the children meet with Fr Uche and myself on a weekday evening in the Pastoral Centre. The aim of this is to take the parents through each chapter that the children are to be taught so that they are able to understand and support their child, and for their own catechesis. In November, the children come to their first Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's and with the assistance of Fr Uche and other local priests, celebrate the Sacrament.

After each Saturday session, the children come together as a group the next day at the 9.30am Sunday Mass as a celebration of the latest stage in their journey. Over the course 2 of the groups would be involved in the Mass either by the reading of bidding prayers or by bringing the gifts up in the offertory procession.

The First Communion Masses are held over 2/3 Saturdays and are great celebrations with friends and families of all those concerned. With the help of the musicians, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the organisation of the catechists it is indeed a wonderful gift that the children have received. The children are encouraged to dress in their attire the next day at Mass so that the congregation too can take part in the celebration of our children here at St Joseph's.

After the last Communion Mass, the parents will meet for one more time and we ask for feedback for anything that we can do to change or improve things for future and of course, to encourage them to attend Mass and Confession with their child on a regular basis to practise their faith.

The children have one final short session and the day after they will come together at the 9.30 Mass in their Communion clothes once again for the "Going Forth" Mass and Communion breakfast which is held in the Pastoral Centre, prepared and organised by the parents of the previous year.

The children of Corpus Christi will be able to celebrate their day again at the Mass in school on their feast day.

My thanks go to the catechists, for the time, effort and preparation they put in to make every year the success it always is. My thanks also to Fr Uche for all the support and guidance he has given us all this past year. My personal thanks also to all those who have helped over the year.

Fr Uche and parishioners thank Karen Neilson, who stepped down last year as co-ordinator after many years of service, and Tony Lorenschitz for taking over this rewarding role.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Jo Mackintosh

We are a group of nine+ volunteer, self taught flower arrangers. We work on a two week rota, with three members in each group. Meetings are held three times a year to plan events at Easter, Christmas and any other significant occasions.

We are often asked to do weddings in the Church, and apart from payment from the bride and groom to pay for the flowers, all time and effort is freely given.

The Church gives funds for the flowers and any additional items for Christmas, Easter, Communion and Confirmation - we do our best to keep within budget. On occasions we have been given the odd contribution which enables to purchase oasis and sundries.

We also contribute to the Lenten Project by holding a sale of arrangements on Mothers Day.

We would warmly welcome any other volunteers to assist with flower arranging, cleaning up or watering. We know the regular congregation appreciate our efforts.

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

David Rosemeyer

Teams of pastors go out into the streets of Kingston and are there to watch over, pray with and offer support to young people out on a Friday and Saturday night. A hugely rewarding and valuable service to be a part of. All pastors are committed Christians and anyone between the ages of 18 and 80 can join. We are in need of more Catholic volunteers, so if you would like to try it out, please contact David on 020 8949 0496.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Mary Cruickshank

The Mothers Prayers group meets in the Lady Chapel on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Mothers Prayers is a worldwide prayer group for women who wish to pray together - for their children, grandchildren and godchildren. All women who have a desire to pray for children are welcome. We follow the format of prayers in the 'Mothers Prayers' booklet, which includes a prayer to the Holy Spirit, praying for forgiveness, singing songs of praise, a bible reading and praying for our children. For more information, phone Mary on 8949 0089.

MUSIC GROUP, 9.30 MASS

Jan Downes

The music group consists of Musicians and singers to support the Liturgy of the Mass. We welcome all ages to join the group. We also support the First Communion Masses and Reconciliation Services. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month to practice for the next 4 weeks. Simon Lane and Jan Downes organise the group.

MUSIC GROUP, SCHOLA CANTORUM, 11.30 MASS

Mr Peter Morrell

Since September 2018, I have been delighted to reprise a role in the parish that I last did in 2011, as Director of Music and leader of the Schola. The Schola continues to sing wonderfully each week at the 11:30 Mass. Our current group comprises some 14 singers, who enjoy what they do. We have recently welcomed two new Sopranos. This summer, we bid the fondest of farewells to my sister, Miss Helen Morrell and Mr Johnnie Bridges. The pair will become Mr & Mrs Bridges from August! They are moving to Somerset. Helen and Johnnie, and their beautiful contribution to the life of the Schola over the past few years, will be deeply missed by us all in the Choir Loft, and with our love and prayers, we wish them the very best for the future.

The year has seen very few changes to the Music List, as I continue very much along the same lines set by Dr Matthew Ward, and continued by Helen last year, in terms of our repertoire. I have retired regular use of the Catholic Hymn Book, reserving it for special occasions, feeling that the Celebration Hymnal more than adequately services the Musical needs of the 11:30 Mass, as well as being easier on the arms of welcomers (much lighter to lift!)

I would like to express my gratitude to the Welcomers for the amazing supportive role they play to the musicians, week in, week out, having the appropriate Music sheets available to give to the congregation. I am also grateful to the sacristans for their assistance with hymn numbers every week.

Going forwards, we will be advertising for new members from August 2019, in particular for men's voices. Anyone who would like to sing with us, and can make a commitment to weekly practices on Sunday before Mass, should be encouraged to step up! There is no formal voice trial, we simply look to find the right mutual fit for both parties. Those interested will have a probationer period during which they may attend rehearsals and Mass with us. Singing with the Schola is an opportunity to enrich the prayer life of the Church.

MUSIC GROUP, 5.30 MASS

Anne D'Silva

Ephesians 5:19: Sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs among yourselves, singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts.

The 5.30pm Music group meet every Sunday to praise and worship the Lord and we love to praise Him. Our music style is contemporary using guitars and percussion. We practise before Mass at 4.30pm and also assist in providing music for the Confirmation Mass and First Holy Communion Masses. Some of our members also provide music for the Monday Prayer Group, the Cell Celebration Masses and Prayer Around the Cross, and earlier this year, for the Life in the Spirit Seminar 'The Gift'.

We also now have a Youth Choir, who lead the music once a month.

We welcome new members. If you want to praise the Lord, just come and join us.

MUSIC GROUP, YOUTH CHOIR, 5.30 MASS

Anne D'Silva

Youth Choir was set up in September 2018 and provide the music at the 5.30pm Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. The music comprises of praise and worship music with guitars and drums and we hope to develop this further with a dedicated worship song book. The group meet at 4.15pm to practice before Mass and comprises of 10 amazing young people who come together to worship Our Lord with their beautiful voices and praise. The music list is sent in advance with YouTube links in preparation. It is a wonderful privilege to sing with them and I am very thankful to them for serving Our Lord and the church in this way.

All young people, both singers and musicians are welcome to join us.

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Agnes Vella

The Parish Office continues to be open every weekday (during term time), from 9.15am till 12.30pm.

Apart from the Admin side, the office is usually the first port of call for parishioners seeking answers, advice, information, appointments with the Parish Priest, and sometimes just some pastoral care.

We work closely with the Sacristy Team, The Treasurer, Counters, those who allocate Mass Intentions, etc, to support our Parish Priest in the smooth running of the parish.

We prepare the weekly Bulletin, Parish Rotas, and any other literature that needs to go out to Parishioners. We keep Parish Registers, Narthex notice-boards and back of church updated, prepare Baptism certificates and generally endeavour to support Parish groups, especially where the Sacraments are concerned, mostly behind the scenes.

We are always kept very busy in such a thriving Parish, but we enjoy the challenge! I'd like to thank Fr Uche for his invaluable support and advice, Deacon John-Simon, Colette Lewis-Head and Carmen Lopez, for their Thursday/Friday support (and occasionally Karen Neilson, Peter Morrell & Ana Chan) - for being such a great help to me personally in the office. I would also like to thank all parishioners for making our work very enjoyable and gratifying.

READERS

Sr Margaret Donovan

Readers are members of the Parish who proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Parishioners can volunteer to read at the Mass which they usually attend, and are given specific training for this ministry. Please speak with Fr Uche, Deacon John-Simon, or contact the Parish Office. As with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Readers' rota is revised regularly and Readers are encouraged to attend the annual Day of Recollection (with Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) where they participate in on-going formation for their respective ministries, pray together and are helped to better understand their role in the Church.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) TEAM

Maureen Sampson

The RCIA programme continues to use Evangelium as a resource for the formation in the faith of our "new Catholics to be". This year we were very blessed to have six people making that journey.

We continue to meet on a Monday night from 7.45 pm to 9 pm. The "countdown" to Easter begins at the Rite of Election held at St George's Cathedral Southwark with the Archbishop presiding at the service. Each year the service is held on the first Saturday in Lent. In this year celebration took place on the 9th March 2019 with the Cathedral being packed with "new Catholics to be" and their Sponsors. It was a really uplifting celebration.

At the Vigil Mass of Easter three of our group were Baptised, Confirmed and received First Holy Communion. One came into full union with the Catholic Church and the other two received the Sacraments in a different parish.

After the Vigil Mass there was a party in the pastoral centre which was enjoyed by all. A particular thanks must go to Margarita Gomez who was responsible for making the lovely cake and Teresa Elliott and her team for providing the refreshments.

Our team of Catechists currently comprises Father Uche, Deacon John Simon and Maureen Sampson. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome and should identify themselves to Fr. Uche or Deacon John Simon.

ROSARY GROUP

Agnes Vella

The Rosary Group meets in the Lady Chapel from Monday to Saturday (excluding Thursday when there is Eucharistic Adoration), straight after the 10am Mass. Some parishioners are regulars and

some come when circumstances allow. Anybody is very welcome to do so as we are encouraged us to praise our Blessed Lady in this special way, offering up intentions and asking for her intercession.

SACRISTY TEAM

Rowena Wittinbaker

The sacristy team's duties start at 9am til 11.15am from Monday to Saturday each week. The members are responsible for the care and preparation of the the 7am and 10.00am Masses; making sure that after the Mass all sacred vessels are safely put away. After the Rosary they check and make sure nobody is left behind before locking the church. Ordering of various items for the sacristy when required is also a very important part of the job.

This team was formed in 2001, with six members working in twos on different days of the week. The team now has only 3 members, which makes it very difficult to cover for illness, hospital appointments, family commitments, an occasional day off and holidays. They perform a very valuable ministry "behind the scenes". They are a happy and smiling team and very dedicated. They are also members of other groups. If you do or could come to one of the weekday Masses and would like to commit yourself to one morning a week, please contact the Parish Office - you would be most welcome.

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Teresa Elliott

We are currently a small group of 4 ladies who take it in turns each week to launder the purificators and other linens needed on the altar at Mass. Thanks to all of you for your help.

This is the ideal opportunity to appeal for more volunteers to join us. It involves just a few hours only once a month at present, but less if we more team members.

If you feel you could help, please phone Teresa on 020 8942 2154 or Kitty on 020 8942 0206.

ST JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group Leaders

St Joseph's Toddler group re-commenced in January 2007 after a long break to allow for the building of our new Pastoral Centre. The group offers children under 5 the opportunity to play with a range of toys, participate in structured and unstructured art and craft activities and sing songs. It runs, during term-time only, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 10am to 11.45am. Parents/carers are asked for a donation of £1.50 per family. The group has been a great success with a high level of attendance on both mornings. This has enabled us to make a financial contribution to named charities on behalf of the Parish. A big thank you to the team of volunteers who run the group, for their availability, organisation and efficiency. A special thank you goes to our "tea ladies" for their hard work and dedication.

We also have a Polish Toddler Groups, run by Polish mums and child-minders at the same time on Thursday mornings (term-time only).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

Philip Cook

Founded in France, the SVP is an international organisation with members throughout the world. In this parish, the SVP is an expression of our outreach to the poor, sick, elderly, lonely, homeless or distressed. Recent work has included supporting a widowed mother with three young children, providing carpets for a young single parent family, friendship and outings for a blind person living alone, support for a cancer patient also living alone, housing people with mental illness, visiting people in care homes and hospitals.

Nationally, the SVP runs week-long Catholic holiday camps for young children in July and August. We aim each year to sponsor one or two children from this parish whose parents would struggle to find the £145 cost.

Our parish SVP group is also twinned with two parishes in Kerala, India, which we support with small regular payments made through the SVP central office.

If you would like to help with this work, especially if you have time during the day, please contact Philip Cook on 020 9942 8588 or leave your name and details with the parish office using the form on the wall in the narthex which is also used to refer any people you know are in need of our help.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Denis & Claire Maurin

Teams is a world-wide organisation for Christian married couples who want to develop their relationship with God both personally and as a couple. For the past 23 years, we have been meeting with 3 other couples and a spiritual counsellor each month for a simple meal and discuss, pray and share the ups and downs of everyday life. There are also occasions throughout the year for all the Teams in the UK and further afield to meet through conferences, Quiz nights, Advent and Lenten evenings.

If you are interested in knowing more about Teams, please contact us.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

Kristina Zaremba

The Union of Catholic Mothers is open to all women who support its aims which are:

'Prayer, Love and Active Witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world.'

We visit the sick and housebound, help to raise money for the Parish and other charities; e.g. Lenten & Advent Fayres. In doing so, we put our faith into action.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm for prayer, a short meeting and generally have a presentation on a subject of interest by someone invited from our Parish family or from outside charities. Other times we have social events including a meal in July and Carol Service in December where parishioners, male and female are welcome to attend. Please see a copy of our programme of activities.

As a member foundation of the Diocese of Southwark we attend UCM rallies at St. George's Cathedral, information days and an Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford in May.

Most of all we are a group of ladies who support each other and the Parish and enjoy some interesting talks and social evenings. We always welcome new members so why not come to our next meeting and see for yourself!

We like to be inclusive and welcome both Catholic and Non-Catholic ladies, married or single who support our aims of *'Prayer, Love and Active Witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the World.'*

WEBSITE

Agnes Vella

Our website: www.catholicnewmalDEN.org contains information and photos from our Parish activities and events, as well as from outside organisations we may have supported financially and by our prayers. The weekly Bulletin is uploaded onto our website, as is the Monthly Prayer Page, Continuous Parish Rota and other one-off publications. Our thanks go to Pat Heery & Delia Antoine-Burdett, for helping with keeping our website updated and current. Please let us have your feedback and any suggestions you may have.

WELCOMERS

Katharine Cook

Most people rate a church by how welcoming it is. If people feel comfortable when they come to St Joseph's they will be better able to enjoy Mass and will tell others about it.

All you need to be a welcomer is a smile! We give out the hymn books and sheets as people arrive for weekend Masses, and other occasional Masses / events, which is not just a service to parishioners but very much a blessing to us because of the diverse and lovely people in the congregations every week at St Joseph's.

We are also there to talk to anyone who is new to the parish or who wants to know something. (If we don't have the answer, there is always someone else who does!).

We take the collections and hand out newsletters at the end of Mass. It is a great way to get to know people.

How to enrich your Prayer Life - After the recent Life in the Spirit Seminar 'The Gift', the team have put together some ways in which we can all do something to help our faith grow. See below:

- **House/Cell Groups.** *(more in the main body of this document)*

Cell groups meet every fortnight in different people's houses. There is a time of prayer, fellowship and sharing, exploring the gospel. Praying together and sharing your faith builds lasting relationships and deepens your faith. If interested, contact Mary: 202 8949 0089 or Brian: 07411919730.

- **The Monday Prayer Group** - 8 pm to 9.15 pm in Our Lady's Chapel. *(more in the main body of this document)*

This group meets every Monday and all are welcome. There is a time of praise and worship, followed by a talk and a time where people can share. The meeting ends with intercessory prayer. It is a really joyful time with the Lord, and lasting relationships have been formed. For details contact Brian: 07411919730.

- **Waitrose Prayer Team** – Saturday once a month

This hasn't been formed as yet. The idea is to set up some chairs by the war memorial, and offer prayer to anyone who might want it. The Vineyard Church used to do this many years ago and it might be good to start it up again, possibly with other Churches in New Malden. If interested contact Gill: 07956513695.

- **Our Lady's Gardeners**

It is such a beautiful garden that Felicity and Malcolm have planted and a real privilege to be part of a team to help with the watering and general upkeep, under our Lady's smiling gaze. You wouldn't need to commit to anything onerous, if interested contact Malcolm and Felicity 020 8399 1252 or malcolm.surridge@sky.com.

- **Alpha Course** - Mondays 7.30 (starting Sept 30th)

New Malden Baptist Church are running the Alpha Course to which they have warmly invited us. The evening starts with supper, and is followed by a talk. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation after the talk, when people explore the content further in their small groups.

- **Kingston Street Pastors:** *(more in the main body of this document)*

We are all volunteers (who age from 18 to 80) who are all practising Christians from various churches. We are on the streets caring, listening and helping some people who have had too much to drink and also handing out food and clothing to the homeless who are sleeping rough. We are only expected to go out once a month. Please think about this important work. We do need more Catholics. The Gospel is being proclaimed in many ways. Interested? Please contact David on 0208 9490496 or 07904856304.

- **Adoration** - Thursday 5 September: 8 – 9pm

A time of quiet prayer, song and silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Space to reflect on your hopes and thoughts and wishes for yourself and family and friends at the start of a new academic year.

| St Joseph Church Financial report Summary 2017:2018 | | | Open forum 6/7/19 | | |
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| <u>Income</u> | 2017 | 2018 | <u>Expenditure</u> | 2017 | 2018 |
| Offeratories (+Standing orders) | £124,160 | £121,790 | Church expenses | £39,530 | £27,210 |
| 2nd collections/Appeals | £19,130 | £25,020 | presbytery expenses | £5,040 | £8,080 |
| Stole fees/Masses | £12,370 | £12,860 | Wages | £33,450 | £38,330 |
| Christmas/Easter offering | £11,245 | £10,850 | Rates, insurance | £7,570 | £6,440 |
| Fetes, Bazaar entertainments | £1,530 | £1,950 | Heating/Light | £14,380 | £15,780 |
| Candles | £12,120 | £11,300 | School | £500 | £0 |
| Newspaper | £1,770 | £1,240 | Diocesan Payments | £47,910 | £39,500 |
| Poor box | £2,970 | £2,910 | Telephone/stationary | £2,930 | £4,920 |
| Tax refund on GiftAid | £22,920 | £25,560 | Car and travel | £1,120 | £950 |
| Interest from bank | £10 | £160 | Newspaper | £2,630 | £2,490 |
| Interest on Diocese account | £10,970 | £17,080 | Poor box | £5,060 | £3,020 |
| Cluniac investments | £800 | £800 | Christmas/Easter offering | £11,245 | £10,850 |
| Miscellaneous | £6,780 | £6,060 | Stole fees/Masses | £12,630 | £14,340 |
| Bookshop | £7,010 | £5,310 | 2nd collection / Appeals | £19,490 | £25,520 |
| Special donations/Grants | £3,330 | £26,240 | Supply Priests | £4,810 | £2,550 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | £237,115 | £269,130 | Clergy support/training/reteats | £2,340 | £2,980 |
| Diocese Payments | 2017 | 2018 | Misc | £7,400 | £12,930 |
| DDF | £37,950.00 | £30,000.00 | Bookshop | £5,720 | £4,540 |
| Bishop Fund | £2,058.00 | £1,660.00 | Major repairs/items | £19,240 | £0 |
| Clergy Support | £7,567.00 | £7,567.00 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | £242,995 | £220,430 |
| Safeguarding | £339.57 | £273.90 | | | |
| | £47,914.57 | £39,500.90 | | | |