



Merton Paroral Deanery Group

Notes of meeting of 3rd March 2020 Christ The King, Wimbledon Park

Parish	Present
Christ the King	Fr. Anthony, Michael
Our Lady of Assumption	Babs, Esmie
Ss Peter and Paul	Ivor, Tony
St John Fisher	Julie, John
St Teresa	Stuart
Sacred Heart	Canon John, Sadie
<i>Apologies</i>	<i>Jo, Maria, Paul</i>

Opening prayer - Ivor

Plans for Festival of The Word (Pentecost Sunday)

Round table open discussion

- Sunday 31st May 2-6pm @ Sacred Heart
- Outdoor event, with 2 main and several other marquees, each hosting events through the day
- Events, speakers, music, bible readings, F&B, prayer space... close with ecumenical service
- Contingency plans to use hall if inclement weather
- Need to be mindful of noise from proximal events mutually interfering
- The lead coordinator is David Hurst; need non-Catholic co-leader
- Need small teams to organise various events – catholic plus non-Catholic - **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ASAP!!**
- **PARISHES TO CONTACT / INVITE OWN NEIGHBOURING NON-CATHOLIC ONES**
Local parish priest expected / encouraged to help drive the event

Role of Deanery

- Explained by Canon John
- Archbishop looking for deaneries to be more proactive and to be a support system for clergy
- To facilitate consultation and to help Archbishop build closer links with / down to parishes; and to better manage diocese overall
- To be strengthened and to have more laity involvement
- Expect structural and organisational changes, including amalgamating bodies

Round the parishes

- Our Lady of Assumption
 - Tuesday bible study



- Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch
- Wednesday Adoration followed by Mass (on-going for over a year)
- **St Teresa**
 - Canon Michael returned to parish duties fully exonerated (mistaken identity); welcome back Mass with Archbidhop
 - Friday Stations of the Cross followed by Mass in Lent
 - On-going Adoration – 15+ hours a day weekdays
 - Running DVD Bible Course – 2 * 8 sessions – one AM and one evening
- **St John Fisher**
 - Weekly Stations of the Cross in Lent
 - Series of six DVDs in lives of six saints
 - “Frugal Friday” lunch – precedes to CAFOD
 - Retreat for readers, eucharistic ministers and catechists
 - Adoration
 - Preparing for re-dedication of England as Mary’s Dowry
 - John recommended reading the Diocesan newspaper The Pilgrim
- **Ss Peter and Paul**
 - Induction Mass for Fr Stephen Dias as new parish priest
 - Bible study course – every first and third Monday of the month - Gospel of Matthew
 - Fridays – Praise and Worship
 - Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper in Lent
 - Parish Council Meeting “off-site” at Kairos Centre
 - New theme every week to celebrate the Year of the Word
- **Christ the King**
 - “Night Fever” – invite passersby into the church to light a candle. Church well located for good footfall and is well attended
 - Film night to show “The Two Popes”
 - Organising coach for June diocesan pilgrimage / gathering at Aylesford
 - “Interactive sermons” to celebrate / support Year of the Word

Other

- **Coronavirus update** – Bishops of England and Wales issued three step process to help combat spread of CV. Currently, consultative not mandatory and parishes responding individually
- **Diocesan Directory** –to ask for entry which better reflects the work of our group

Next meeting

- **Tuesday 7th April at 7:30pm – Sacred Heart, in the Lower Parish Hall.**
To focus on Festival of the Word ecumenical day

Closing prayer – Canon John