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## **27 July - 1 September 2024**

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### **JULY**

Saturday	27 July	<b>10.00am</b>	James Vincent Corry RIP (Ann)	
		4.00pm	<b>BAPTISM:</b> Matteo Gomez De Sooz	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUN:</b> Luise Rita Usher	
Sunday	28 July	<b>9.00am</b>	Louise Carabot RIP (Ann)	<b><u>17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Ann Vigar RIP (Ann.)	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	29 July	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Simon Evans RIP- Christine Evans	<b>SS MARY, MARTHA &amp; LAZARUS</b>
		<b>10.30pm</b>	Requiem Mass – Michael Joseph O'Neill RIP	
Tuesday	30 July	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Good estate of Jim Taylor	
Wednesday	31 July	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Deceased members of the Diedo family - Diedo family	<b>ST IGNATIUS of LOYOLA</b>

### **AUGUST**

Thursday	1 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Good estate of Janice Taylor - Labouchardiere	<b>ST ALPHONSUS LIQUORI</b>
Friday	2 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Ricardo Canonizado RIP M.J. Abalos	
Saturday	3 Aug	<b>10.00am</b>	Bernard Taylor RIP - Family	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUN:</b> Private Intention	
Sunday	4 Aug	<b>9.00am</b>	Donor's intention	<b><u>18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Piotr Tuszyński RIP (Birthday)	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	5 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	6 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	For the family of Hrdlovic's intention	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD</b>
Wednesday	7 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Bernard Taylor RIP - Family	
Thursday	8 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Mick Staunton RIP - Eileen Costello	<b>ST DOMINIC (PRIEST)</b>
Friday	9 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Lorna Taylor – Labouchardiere	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS</b>
Saturday	10 Aug	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>ST LAWRENCE (DEACON &amp; MARTYR)</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS:</b> Private intention	
Sunday	11 Aug	<b>9.00am</b>	Mar Cronin – Mary Remington	<b><u>19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Private intention	
Monday	12 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Arelene Labouchardiere - Labouchardiere	
Tuesday	13 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Nora Whiffin RIP (Ann)	
Wednesday	14 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Bet Sheperd RIP (Ann) - J. Crowley	
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Fr Albert Coleburt RIP	
Thursday	15 Aug	<b>10.00am</b>	Barbara Egan RIP (Ann) – J. Crowley	<b><u>THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u></b>
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Alison Peacock RIP – Labouchardiere	<b>(Holy Day of Obligation)</b>

Friday	16 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	For family Zickz's intention	
Saturday	17 Aug	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY:</b> Margaret George RIP – Margaret's family	
Sunday	18 Aug	<b>9.00am</b>	Walter (Wallie) Williams RIP (Ann.) – Monica Williams	<b><u>20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Anthony Paul Store RIP	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Parents of Mrs Nazareth RIP	
Monday	19 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	HOLY SOULS	
Tuesday	20 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Bernard Taylor RIP - Family	<b>ST BERNARD ABBOT &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>
Wednesday	21 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	<b>ST PIUS X</b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	Matty Kenneally RIP (Ann) - Janet Crowley	
Thursday	22 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	<b>QUEENSHIP of the</b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	Good estate of Raymond Peacock - Labouchardiere	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
Friday	23 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>ST ROSE OF LIMA</b>
Saturday	24 Aug	9.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Marcella Mary Morgan RIP – F M	<b>ST BARTHOLOMEW (APOSTLE)</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUN:</b> Marcella Mary Morgan RIP (Ann) Fam	
Sunday	25 Aug	<b>9.00am</b>	Martin Joseph Quinn RIP (Ann) - Fam	<b><u>21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Private intention	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
Monday	26 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	HOLY SOULS	(Bank Holiday)
Tuesday	27 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Simon Evans RIP – Christine Evans	<b>ST MONICA</b>
Wednesday	28 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Bernard Taylor RIP - Family	<b>ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>
Thursday	29 Aug	8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Sandra Williams RIP – Labouchardiere	<b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
Friday	30 Aug	8.15am	Darent Valley Hosp Mass	<b>SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE &amp; MARGARET WARD</b>
		8.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	HOLY SOULS	
Saturday	31 Aug	9.30am	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Private intention – Labouchardiere	<b>ST AIDAN, BISHOP, AND SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUN:</b> Jim & Eileen Mahon RIP (Ann) Fam intention	
Sunday	1 Sept	<b>9.00am</b>	Bernard Taylor RIP – Family	<b><u>22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</u></b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	Josephine Larsson RIP	
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	

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### **CHURCH CLEANING: See Rota**

**Formation of Parish Pastoral Team** The initial meeting of the parish pastoral team provided us with a chance to look at the parish so as to explore ways and means to reflect on the life of the parish before, during and after the pandemic. Those present were truly animated and became active participants. Initially we have to rebuild the teams that existed before the pandemic which are still relevant today. This will happen through direct recruiting which has already started following the meeting. A greater lay participation is in line with the mind of the present church. The lay apostolate is the lever which brings growth to our parish community. During the summer months I invite the parish to come with ideas for the future of the parish. You may do so by putting down your ideas in writing and handing them in at presbytery. Come September, we hope to hold a meeting under the heading 'Pastoral team/Parish in Council to plan for the future. This meeting will take place on Sunday 22nd September at 12 noon at the Parish centre.

**PARISH MUSIC:** Our parish is fortunate enough to have a mixture of 6 individual participants in the field of church music. They are: 1. St Anselm's school children, 2. The children's choir run by Irena, 3. Clare Callender - plays the organ at the 9:00 AM mass, 4. Filipino choir led by Grace Rabino, 5. The Afro-Caribbean choir led by Lucy Jacobs and 6. Deacon Michael Dale. I acknowledge a degree of self-sacrifice by each team especially when regular rehearsal is required. I would like to meet the head of each group on Friday 27th September at 7:00 PM. This will provide the team with the opportunity to go forward.

**CONFIRMATION:** The sacrament of confirmation will take place on Saturday the 7th September at 12:00 PM. The celebrant will be the Rev. Bishop Paul Hendricks. There are 40 candidates for confirmation. They have now finished the weekly preparation. We pray especially for the young people that they may be inspired by the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit. May they remain faithful to the promise made so officially in the presence of the Bishop and the community.

**First Holy Communion 2025:** This year the number of First Holy Communicants has increased remarkably. This is done in a strong belief of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist this is done through the support of parents, the catechist's and the Parish School with the cooperation of the candidates. Next year's first Holy Communion is Saturday 21st June 2025 followed by the Corpus Christi procession the next day Sunday 22nd June. Our parish programme starts with a series of five talks for parents. The object of these talks is to assist parents/ carers in coaching their children in the knowledge and love for the sacrament of the Eucharist. The dates for these talks are the 18<sup>th</sup>, 25th September and the 2nd, 9th and 16th October. We meet at the conference centre at 7:00 PM. These dates are given in advance to ensure regular attendance. The children's enrolment will take place on Sunday 20th October at the 10:30 AM mass. The closing date for enrolment is Sunday 15th September.

**EXPLORATION OF THE FAITH:** the exploration of the faith sessions offer those who are inquiring about the Catholic faith with the view of discerning their future practise of their faith. At present there are two such candidates who are engaged in the process of exploration. If anyone is interested, please feel free to make your intention known in the hope that we are able to assist you on this journey.

**Daily adoration:** In our parish we try to cultivate the devotion of the real presence in the Eucharist; for over 30 years we have maintained this adoration. The sacrament is exposed daily before mass followed by half an hour of silent adoration. This sacred space allows the devotee to sit at the feet of Jesus and to listen in silence to the voice of the spirit. The Cure D'Ars practised this devotion. Noticed by a member of the congregation, he was asked what do you do by watching in this way? His simple reply was, 'He looks at me and I look at Him.' I would like to invite others to join us in this devotion which takes place from Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** We had requests from a number of young people wishing to serve at the altar. For this reason, come September, I shall put out forms to be filled by those who wish to start training to be altar servers.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The legion of Mary is a lay apostolate trying to make roots in our parish. It is very much in its infancy. What is the legion of Mary? It is an association of Catholic men and women who spread the faith and grow together in their love and trust in Jesus Christ, in union with the Virgin Mary - His most perfect follower and apostle. Should you wish to know more about this apostolate please phone the following number TEL: 01322 279955.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** This is an order of Catholic layman dedicated to the service of the church. The organisation which is non-political and essentially democratic, exists to the spiritual and material good of its members and their families. They meet once a month. The grand knight is Mr Mark Anyaebugna. If you are interested, you may wish to contact him through the parish.

**FEAST OF ST VINCENT:** This year we will be holding a special celebration mass to mark the feast of our church patron saint. It will take place at the 10:30 AM mass on Sunday 29th September 2024. Everyone is invited and we hope all parts of our community will come together and participate in this special parish celebration. Following the mass honouring our patron, there will be an opportunity for the community to gather together and bring and share some light refreshments (e.g. tea, coffee, an array of traditional cake, pastries, sweet treats across our varied parish cultures). To achieve this requires a whole community effort and we would be pleased to hear from everyone willing to contribute in any way you can. Thank you.

**PORTIUNCOLA INDULGENCE:** A PLENARY INDULGENCE MAY BE GAINED ONCE IN THE PARISH CHURCH ON THE USUAL CONDITIONS VIZ A VISIT TO THE CHURCH DURING WHICH THE 'OUR FATHER' AND 'CREED' ARE RECITED TOGETHER WITH A PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS, SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

**PARISH GROUNDS:** All church grounds need constant care. Anyone with a bit of spare time can lend a hand. Perhaps we can organise a small team to keep an overall look at the car park and its surroundings. Volunteers needed.

**PASTORAL TEAM MEETING:** see attached report

**SAFEGUARDING:** Jenny Lynette is the person responsible for this aspect of parish life.

**Mass intentions and mass stipends:** If one is looking for a specific date or day for a mass to be offered for a particular intention, it is necessary to book in good time to secure a chosen date. What is a mass intention? In the light of the infinite merits through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we draw on the merits available to us. Through the sacrifice of the mass, which is a re-enactment of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which absolves from temporal punishment as decreed by the church.

**SUMMER FETE:** This summer, due to unforeseen circumstance, we missed the summer fete. I hope, come September, we are able to put a plan with a team of volunteers to run both the summer fete and the Christmas bazaar.

**Summer holidays:** During the summer break Fr Benedict and Fr Eugene respectively will look after the parish in my absence. I would like to wish all parishioners a happy holiday.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Thursday 1st August is the feast of the Assumption. This is a holy day of obligation. There are three masses. Wednesday: vigil mass at 7:00 PM. Thursday: feast day mass at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

# Building our Pastoral Team – Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – DRAFT



## Background

While over 50 parishioners regularly give their time to do vital work to help keep the parish going there is still much more to do. At this meeting, we celebrated our volunteers and used it as a forum to discuss where there are gaps in help needed to run activities regularly and safely.

## 1 Attendees

Father Pat and 15 members of the Parish.

## 2 Parish Highlights in 2024 so far

After Father Pat welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and their help in the roles that they currently play in the Parish, he reported on key issues and activities that have taken place this year, so far, at St Vincent's:

**St Anselm's Primary School** – the school is a constant and key part of Parish life and Mrs White and her team's commitment to collaboration between church and school is a blessing which we all enjoy through their regular 10.30am masses, stations of the cross, performances and fairs and bazaars etc.

**Lenten talks** - were an enriching experience for people of the Parish across the 6 weeks of Lent.

**First Communion** - 54 children made their First Communion this year, most of them were tutored and supported in the First Communion programme by the Catechist team

**Confirmation Group** – currently 40 young people are receiving tutoring and support from Father Pat in preparation for their confirmation to take place in September 2024.

**St Anselm's Feast Day** – A record number of people attended the Family Mass to Celebrate the School's Patron Saints feast on 21<sup>st</sup> April. So many people came that a group had to listen to the service in the Presbytery. This was all credit to the great collaboration between the School and our Church.

**Music at Masses** – A rota of regular music provision at weekend Masses has been established after the church activity returned from Covid restrictions in 2023.

**Groups seeking to help** – The newly Knights of Columba and the new Legion of Mary group in St Vincent's are keen to take on roles and responsibilities within the Parish.

**Support for Peru Appeal** – Father Alex's recent visit to the Parish gave cause to recognise the generous support of St Vincent parishioners over the past 20+ Years. During this time the Parish has raised more than £200,000 for the Mission based in the outskirts of Arequipa, Peru which provides everyday living and medical support as well as a spiritual religious support for thousands of people migrating from the mountains in search of better lives.

**Collaboration with other religious groups** – Providing temporary accommodation for the Dartford Muslim community for Friday Prayers in the Parish Centre Hall, until their new bespoke centre is ready in Dartford town centre.

### 3 Challenges for the Parish

Father Pat explained that the future of the life of St Vincent's is affected by various factors:

**Large increase in home building** - The increased home building in the whole Parish which roughly extends from Joyce Green to Stone and from Dartford to Bean brings with it an incoming, growing population. This is an opportunity for the Church, but the challenge is how to reach Catholics in new and growing communities.

**Recovering from Covid restrictions** – St Vincent's has returned to a full Mass programme, which is thanks to everyone who helps in preparing the Church, welcoming the congregation, serving, cleaning, counting the offertory, managing Gift Aid, running monthly children's liturgy sessions for 10.30am mass, the school mass etc. However, pastoral activities have not returned and these include:

- **Home and hospital visiting/administering the Eucharist** – ill health, moving, change in circumstances and death during the Covid period has left a large gap in parishioners visiting patients and checking in on those who cannot attend Church. Currently this means the sick of the Parish rely on Father Pat's ability to deliver visits and the Eucharist.
- **Cessation of Junior and Youth Groups** – getting regular cover from volunteers (who need to be screened and DBS checked) to support these sessions has been difficult and therefore currently no sessions are planned.
- **Eucharistic Ministers and Readers - Refresher training and retreats** – it has been a while since such activity has taken place so we need to take stock of who is still able to commit to regular Eucharistic Minister and Reader duties and carry out relevant training.

### 5 Priorities and building the Pastoral Team

Father Pat presented a long list of opportunities in which parishioners could lead/participate to build ministries and help maintain Parish life. These were discussed and various options discussed in some cases. Key priority roles are:

<b>Role/activities</b> (* indicates where candidates would need to complete screening and DBS check application)	<b>Who?</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers/ home and hospital visitors*</b> - Speak to Fr Pat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parishioners currently on the Eucharistic Ministers list to confirm their commitment to carry out their ministry in Church and/or as visitors</li> <li>- Father Pat will see if the Legion of Mary members</li> <li>- Other interested Parishioners</li> </ul>
<b>Altar Server coordinator to train and coordinate server cover at Masses*</b> - Speak to Fr Pat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experienced, mature Parishioner</li> </ul>
<b>Special Festivals Music Planner/Coordinator to work with all choirs in parish to deliver music at feasts including Christmas and Easter</b> - Speak to Fr Pat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Musician(s) from existing choirs who would enjoy the challenge of encouraging the talents in the choirs</li> </ul>
<b>First Holy Communion Catechists*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parishioners who are committed to teaching and preparing children for the sacrament of the Eucharist</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat or Daunna Kendall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to children and assist in the roll-out of the whole programme</li> <li>- Programme requires a weekly commitment from October to May (less school holidays?)</li> <li>- Shadowing existing team members and training/guidance provided</li> </ul>
<p><b>Church Grounds/car park maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat or member of the Knights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knights of Colomba have offered to meet with Fr Pat monthly to take a list of jobs for them to coordinate and execute the tasks</li> <li>- Other interested Parishioners (who can work with Knights?)</li> <li>- Parishioners who have good contacts for tree work are invited to come forward</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Children's Liturgy Team once per month, in Parish Conference Centre at 10.30am Mass*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat or Tony Linnett</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of 2 people from the Parish who can plan, resource and deliver a session for primary school age children to provide them with an activity and help them understand the main themes of the Mass readings, particularly the Gospel – guidance available from Tony and Jennie Linnett</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Fundraising events (Bazaar and Fair) Leader and Team to plan and coordinate the events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parishioners who have helped in the past and/or new parishioners who would like to get involved in planning and developing these events</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Centre upkeep team – cleaning and checking state of facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parishioners who are happy to do a monthly clean??????</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth/Junior Club assistants to Fr Pat, provide driving and safe support of children participating*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideally parent(s) of participating children who can start the role in September after school summer holidays. Safe recruitment, DBS check will be required. Safeguarding guidance will be provided</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outreach worker(s) to assist in building the Parish Census, but also to network with catholics in new housing developments in the Parish*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legion of Mary?</li> <li>- Parishioners in new areas who would like to be involved in building community and catholic ethos</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assistant Confirmation class assistant*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speak to Fr Pat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parishioner and/or parent with young person participating in the Confirmation Programme who could attend the weekly sessions weeks of the year usually Thursday, 5pm for 1 hour from Jan – September (less school holidays)</li> </ul>

## 6 Safeguarding and safe recruitment update

Jennie Linnett, the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) reported that Maria Ahmed has been recruited as an additional PSR. There will also be a number of assistant PSRs from different communities within the Parish/congregation once the role description and recruitment process has been agreed by the Southwark Diocese Safeguarding Team.

There will be more information about safeguarding in the Parish in the Autumn as well as a meeting for interested Parishioners to receive safeguarding awareness training.

Jennie also outlined how parishioners who are interested in being involved in roles where they are responsible or are part of a team that is responsible for children, young people or vulnerable adults will need to be screened via a Safer Recruitment process which includes interviews, references and completion of DBS application.

She also reported that the Safeguarding Team at Southwark Diocese office has requested that all volunteers should be on a central registry at the Parish office. This has been started and more people will be added to the list in the next couple of months.

Activity leaders should inform Jennie or Maria of all new members coming forward to join their respective teams so that they can proceed with Safe Recruitment and registration on the volunteer list as appropriate.

## **7 Keeping the momentum going – future meetings**

All attendees agreed that regular meetings of parishioners who were ready and committed to make things happen in the parish so that the activity gaps identified can be addressed. In the meantime, more outreach within the parish congregation will continue to encourage more people to lead and participate in activities.

Suggestion the next Pastoral Team meeting would be prior to the Parish Council meeting which is currently planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.