

St Mary's Hampton Parish Report February 2022

Outreach

Social Justice :

St Mary's is supporting the BASP Online trivia night proposed dates – Friday 6/5 and Friday 7/10

St Vincent de Paul

Vinnies hamper appeal Christmas 21 – The school collected items without consultation with Vinnies Brighton this was done in the last week of school (mid-December) – Vinnies Highett had already collected the hampers to distribute, so Brighton took the donations – Discussion as to how to better co-ordinate in 2022

Other

Discussion regarding a consent form so it is possible to keep in contact with 'local' parishioners (form pro-type proposed in the previous BCM pastoral meeting).

Princeton view communion - It is unclear as to whether former St Mary's parishioners at Princeton are given communion from St Finbar's or whether it is possible for St Mary's give communion to these parishioners.

Need to get more parishioners back to church or engaged. Suggestion for a **St Mary's flyer** – a form perhaps – “do you know anyone who wants a visit, communion or taken to church?” Also a suggestion for a greeting card from parishioners of local parish to take to the care homes.

Liturgy/Worship

Request to have the St Mary's computer to reinstate the Powerpoints for the Mass? Words now distributed for the hymns sang at mass – well received and singing familiar songs.

St Mary's local team are looking at having a reading roster – from the local team, and other volunteers. This is being currently set up (including Powerpoint roster).

Social events

RSL dinners – Monthly dinner resuming on Sat 5th March – all welcome – will be in bulletin.

Formation

Prayer session was held for reopening of memorial garden (Sat 27/11). Well attended with morning tea enjoyed by all.

Maintenance /finance

Sign for St Mary's arrived Dec 2021.

St Mary's Parish finances general discussion from previous BCM Pastoral council meeting – Our understanding is that St Mary's Parish is approx. 50% down in revenue vs. 2019 (pre-Covid) – 25% COVID related – 25% drop in numbers and change in leadership – transitioning to St Finbar's or St Patrick's Mentone. Loss of 3 masses vs. 1 mass now – loss of parishioners.

Discussion as to reinstating the fees for sacraments. Can this be an income for each of the parishes?

Discussion also as to whether there any charges for the use of the church for school as they use the church space too? Can the school contribute percentage usage for the fees of the church?

Can any money be offset from the St Mary's Foundation to support the running of the Hampton Parish?