

<p>Archdiocesan Synod 2020 and the 3 year preparation</p> <p>Fr Tony read out the Archbishop's introduction to the 2020 Synod - Groups had a buzz session.</p> <p><i>Feedback:</i> Requested an "idiots guide"/simple explanation; Requested more information on what a Eucharistic Congress is; Why is it needed; What practical ways we can respond to God's call; We always talk about attracting young people – how to we get the message across (example of Jeremy Corbyn stirring young people); What does the Archbishop mean by missionary discipleship? He seems to be asking how we deal with reduction in number of priests, but also how to change direction of focus from inward-facing to outward-reaching. Why would anyone bother talking to the Archdiocese again after the years of "leaving safe harbours" then nothing happened? How do we use it whether or not anyone else does?</p> <p>Perpetual adoration has been suggested; (Enrique). Fr T said no, he didn't want us to do even more of what people are already doing; and better theological outlooks on communion.</p> <p>Weekly afternoon Rosary-prayer group has been suggested (Harold) and maybe consecration to Mary...Fr T says worth thought.</p> <p>It would be fatal if the Synod thought it was a response to the reduction of the number of priests: that would be an inward-looking "sticking-plaster" response. Fr T believes the issue isn't the number of priests but firstly the number of Christians/Catholics</p> <p>No response in Pastoral Area to Fr Tony's suggestion of marking, on Christ the King Feast, that this is the 3rd year into the Pastoral Area Plan.</p>	<p>Synod 2020 Prayer since given out to pray in Advent</p> <p>Parish to carry forward for 2018 maybe May?</p> <p>What will future of the SCCG lay team be?</p>
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<p>Wellbeing team</p> <p>Film night suggested as a community activity, with no entry fee, but suggestion that people bring something for Woodvale Foodbank. Money from sweets/popcorn sales to Woodvale Foodbank</p> <p>The Herbert Protocol was explained and the "Missing Person" form is a bit "police-y" but the word "Restricted" on the form just means the information is restricted to just finding a missing person and won't be on any police database. It is recommended that those caring for vulnerable adults have a completed form and a digital "everyday" photograph available "just in case".</p>	<p>First film night Friday Dec 8th 7pm with seasonal "It's a Wonderful Life"</p> <p>How to spread "Missing Person" form wider?</p>
<p>Financial Reporting</p> <p>Fr Tony has only just managed to get the Parish accounting properly up to date and so now has seen that we were £20k overspent on running costs this year between the two churches, so we will need to adjust our spending, although we are still very much "in the black" overall. Collections are at least £500/week lower than historically.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed in Prayer at 8.50pm</p>	