



# *Our Lady of Good Counsel Wickford*



## **Newsletter of the Parish Pastoral Council**

**October 2017**

The aim of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) of Our Lady of Good Counsel is to serve God's community within our Parish by supporting the Parish Priest, existing parish groups in their endeavours and acting as a 'think tank' in the areas of Mission, Ministry, and Maintenance.

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### **Stewardship of the Gospel**

At the open forum meetings held on the 29th September to discuss the Diocesan vision document 'Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in Essex and East London', Steward of the Gospel Chris Tisi asked the attending parishioners for their responses to the consultation on the proposed changes to the future of Diocese.

Nine responses were received from parishioners on the plan for Renewal and the framework of proposals for Restructuring.

The responses have been anonymised and will form part of our parish response. The first draft of the final proposal for the future plans will be published later this year. An open forum will be arranged to discuss the draft proposal.

### **The Way Youth Group**

All the previous leaders of The Way have now left the group and Fr John and the PPC would like to thank all the former leaders, particularly Karen Sharp for their involvement and leadership over the last five years. To ensure it continues and in the absence of any parish volunteers Beth Warren has been appointed as a part time Youth Chaplain to lead The Way, and the confirmation preparation group.

### **New group - Jigsaw and The Way Juniors**

The two new parish youth groups JIGSAW (9-11 year old) and The Way Juniors (12-13 year old) commenced in September 2017. Two meetings have taken place and have received very good feedback from the attending children.

### **Church Car Park**

Due to the ongoing issues with the inappropriate use of the car park during the week, meetings will take place in the coming weeks with two car park management companies. Both companies offer a wide range of solutions from auto number plate recognition, permits etc. and also provide the administration.

### **Deepening our faith**

Fr. John is currently reviewing options for running a programme similar to the Bible Studies towards the end of the year.

### **Social Committee**

A new Social Committee has been established and has held its first meeting this month and plan to hold a series of events next year.

### **Christmas Mass**

This year Christmas Day falls on a Monday and this year Mass will be celebrated on

- Saturday 23rd December at 6pm
- Christmas Eve 10am, Family Mass 5pm & Midnight Mass 10pm
- Christmas Day 10am

### **PPC Committee**

The current committee members are Fr. John, Peter Robinson, Lee Agus, Francesca Bartoli-Greenwood, Peter Griggs, Gladvine Mundempilly, Sharon Murrell, Amanda Pelham, Jane Richards, Karen Sharpe, Chris Tisi and Dee Young.