



The Parish of St. Patrick's

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Caritas Meeting 30th May 2018 - Minutes

Present: Fr. Doherty; C. McGrath; B. McGaghey; A. Conway; Mattie McPhee; R. Reynolds; A. Collins; L. Quigg; J. Forster.

Group Updates

Legion of Mary – Due to level of commitments required, the group decided to change from Legion of Mary to the Visitation Group. As such, they will continue to visit the sick and elderly and be responsible for the Fatima Statue.

SVDP: – The group are helping to set up a SVDP group in Lennoxton. They are also organising a St. Patrick's Parish Quiz Night for December and offered to find speakers for a planned talk in January on Benefit Changes.

Wednesday Welcome Group: The group is going well with a diverse range of age groups coming along. The hats for Malawi appeal collected 200 hats. Thanks to all who contributed time, skill and effort. The next project is to tend to the Church window boxes and paint Church statues which have faded. Helpers are always required and welcomed.

SCIAF: Lent fundraising went well. Raffle and coffee morning raised £800 and the 'Wee Boxes' over £5,000. This money will be doubled. A 5K Run has been organised for Saturday 2nd June.

Bereavement Group: The Blessing of the Graves is organised for Sunday 24th June at 3pm. The Parish Secretary will send out information to recently bereaved.

Life: The Archdiocese has opened a pro Life Office within the Family Life Office in Edinburgh. They ask that parishes pray regularly (at least once a week) about the issue of abortion and have provided bidding prayers. They also ask that parishes use their noticeboards and newsletters to advertise the support the office offers and stress the importance of communication and talking about abortion and post-abortion.

CHAS: 14 people attended the recent talk on the work of CHAS. The Youth group did a Sponsored Walk and raised £800 for the charity. This money will be matched by a well-wisher. It is hoped by rebranding; CHAS will remove the fear of hospices. For further information, see Catherine McGrath.

Foodbank: The good work of Kilsyth Foodbank is appreciated and well supported by St. Patrick's parishioners. A special thank you goes to Mr. Jim Hughes who unfailingly collects the bags at the Church entrances and delivers them to the Foodbank on our behalf.

Future Talks: Ask parish secretary to send invites to surrounding parishes.

Event	Day(s)
Mary's Meals – Rags to Riches	Saturday & Sunday 1 st & 2 nd September 2018
Backpack Appeal	C. McGrath & A. Collins to organise
Midwives	Wednesday 3 rd October 2018
Bereavement	Wednesday 24 th October 2018
White Flower Appeal	Saturday & Sunday 3 rd & 4 th November 2018
Christmas Tree Appeal	Early November, Money raised going to Kilsyth Foodbank.
Debt Management/ Benefit Changes	January 2019
SCIAF – Appeal at all Masses	Sunday 24 th March 2019
Work of SCIAF Talk	Wednesday 27 th March 2019
Sisters of the Gospel of Life	Wednesday 15 th May 2019
SVDP – Quiz Night	December 2018

AOCB: All groups asked to organise a Social Event to raise funds for their own group and to offer some light entertainment to our parishioners.

Lourdes Water will be placed at the back of the Church for anyone who may wish to take some.