

# REPORT OF THE **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP** FOR THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*(In drafting reports authors are invited to include recent activities, new opportunities and links to the Parish Development Plan Priorities for 2025)*

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1. B3 B4a B4b	<p>Friendship Thursday has had five successful meetings, averaging 30 attendees. The singer/ guitarist in May was extremely popular The latter two speakers have either founded a charity (well-being) or donate their proceeds to charity (singer) so we are indirectly working to support charity. At our July meeting, we gained very positive written feedback with excellent suggestions for future speakers/activities.</p> <p>Our aims for the future are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to achieve greater mixing among participants and to reach out to non-churchgoers through wider publicity. A poster in the local library did recruit two new members.</li> </ul>
2. C1 C2 C3	<p>Anne McCarthy is continuing her work liaising with schools by putting up displays of schoolwork in church.</p> <p>Our aim is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to continue to respond to ideas coming from schools.</li> </ul>
4. F1	<p>Parish website is running relatively smoothly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are actively seeking someone who might be a “backstop” to make immediate uploads and amendments in the event that Mike Forber is unavailable. Mike is prepared to offer training.</li> </ul>
5. F3a F3b F3c F4b	<p>In liaison with Anne Mosquera, improvements have been made to the appearance of the newsletter in terms of legibility of font and layout, We accept the difficulties some editors experience in terms of workload and the pressure of available space in the printed newsletter and have agreed to Anne’s wishes to limit the length of articles and to the use of AI, to be reviewed after a suitable trial period. For the future, we will pursue the production of large print newsletters for those who need them</p>
6. B6	<p>Preparing information about how to become a Catholic is still under consideration. Having compared our web page with many other parishes and, indeed, cathedrals, the web page has been very slightly amended to read more informally and to be more welcoming..</p>

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D3a F1	<b>Future priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To continue to welcome others to the Friendship Thursday Group</li> <li>▪ To further work towards good, timely communications between clergy team and laity. <i>This would be greatly enhanced if a member of the Communications Group became a member of the Liturgy group</i></li> </ul>
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