

## **Parish Pastoral Council St. Sylvester's Church Report**

### **Responses from Questionnaires**

**May 14th 2018**

#### **Summary**

This study was undertaken by the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) as part of the St Sylvester's Parish Strategic Plan (2017-2022) with aim of identifying if, and how parishioners are engaging in parish activities and how satisfied they are with their engagement. The perception of the Parish Priest, Father Kevin Moore was that the churchgoers were becoming increasingly older and likewise those involved as volunteers in the parish. Consequently there was a need for a greater number of mid-range-age parishioners to become involved in church activities and sustain the parish into the future. In order to find out if this was the case two questionnaires were presented to parishioners. Findings from Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction) bore out those views. From a total of 1059 parishioners who responded, the majority were overwhelmingly satisfied with their involvement and with their church activities. Seventy-Nine per cent reported attending the church for 10 years or more. A wide range of comments were received which highlighted some positive and negative perceptions held by some parishioners. These are presented and discussed in this report. As membership of parish groups is deemed to be an important means of obtaining parishioner support into the future a second questionnaire was presented to parishioners in which they were asked to identify which parish groups, if any, they would like to become involved in. A total of 465 parishioners indicated their choice. The majority who responded expressed their interest in at least one group.

Overall, findings indicated that parishioners who responded are providing pastoral support for parish activities which includes groups involved in recruitment for new members, scheduling servers for Eucharistic Ministry, Meditation, Church Masses and Reflection on the Scriptures. External spiritual community activities include providing 62 daily meals on wheels, organising yearly pilgrimages and offering respite to care. Specific church groups include welcoming parents to the Baptism meeting and ceremony, ministering to the Bereaved and ministering and singing at Masses and various Parish Ceremonies. Holding TAIZE Evening Prayer Meetings and providing reflection, bible readings and preparing liturgy for funerals are also important activities.

#### **Background**

A study was undertaken to determine how the parish Strategic Plan could be implemented. The aim of this Strategic Plan is to encourage parishioners to engage in the life of the parish, thus ensuring its life blood into the future. The plan addresses all parish constituents, children, parents and grandparents. The PPC believes that this plan is needed now because there is an ageing population attending St Sylvesters church and a need to involve more families, teenagers and children. Parish activities are often crisis driven and reactionary especially when it comes to renewal or recruitment, consequently existing groups need back-up support to continue their parish work. There is need for a strategy that is proactive, enabling individuals to take ownership, engage in the ministries of their parish and have a willingness to become involved. The PPC believe that this may be achieved by identifying individuals who may be contacted to fill/support a specific identifiable role, by encouraging

Individuals to seek involvement in parish activities and by members of the church groups telling Individuals what the parish needs are and seeking their support to fill/support these tasks/roles. With this aim, the PPC decided to develop two questionnaires to distribute to parishioners.

**Methods: Questionnaire Development and Distribution:** Questionnaires were designed by two member of the PPC and discussed and approved by Council members. The first questionnaire designed to determine how satisfied parishioners are with their parish and its activities, was distributed on January 28th and February 11<sup>th</sup>. Findings from Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction) are presented in Table 1. The second questionnaire distributed on February 25<sup>th</sup> sought to determine if respondents might be interested in becoming a member of one of the 42 parish groups currently active in the parish. Findings from Questionnaire 2 (Volunteering) are presented in Table 2. The process of distribution was agreed. Questionnaires were distributed during all 6 Masses on entry to St Sylvesters Parish Church and at the Mass in the Carmelite Convent, Seapark on the dates mentioned above. Father Kevin Moore introduced its aims and purpose during all Masses. Parishioners were provided with a short time to fill the form in. Forms were then collected by members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Both quantitative and qualitative analyses were used. Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction) was composed of 9 short questions seeking parishioners views on how they felt about the activities being undertaken in the parish and about St Sylvester's Church; if the church message is relevant to their individual needs and how the church supports faith needs and if parishioners would consider becoming involved in a parish activity. Participants could comment on the questions posed if so desired. Qualitative analysis from comments made by respondents took place. Questionnaire 2 (Volunteering) was distributed at all Masses on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners were asked which activity or parish group, if any they would consider becoming involved in.

**Findings:** A total of **1059** parishioners responded to Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction). Findings are presented as a percentage of the participants who responded to each question. Not all participants answered each question and not all who received the questionnaire responded. A small number of individual's advised that they would normally attend other churches in the Cluster.

Question 1 sought to establish how long participants had been attending St Sylvester Church. The largest number (79%) reported attending for 10 years or more. Six per cent were attending for less than 2 years and 15% for between 2-10 years. Three choices were provided to questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Satisfied, Not satisfied and Neutral. As presented in Table 1 the findings were positive with the highest number reporting being very satisfied with the questions posed. Lesser numbers reported being not satisfied or neutral with these questions. The number of responses to each question is provided in column 6. The number of satisfied responses ranged from 82-87%. The number of not satisfied responses ranged from 3-9% and neutral ranged from 9-13%. In Question 7 participants were asked if currently involved in parish activities. In Question 8, 27% responded in the affirmative and 73% in the negative. When asked if they would consider becoming involved 10% reported being interested and 33% would consider it.

**Table 1 Findings from Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction)**

<b>C1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>	<b>Column 5</b>	<b>Column 6</b>
1.	How long have you been attending our church?	< 2 years <b>(6%)</b>	2-10 Years <b>(15%)</b>	>10 years <b>(79%)</b>	<b>Responses to each Question</b> <b>932</b>
2	Do you feel satisfied with the welcome our church provides?  <b>Total sample = 1064</b>	Satisfied <b>(82%)</b>	Not satisfied <b>(9%)</b>	Neutral <b>(9%)</b>	<b>967</b>
3	How satisfied are you with our church overall?	Satisfied <b>(87 %)</b>	Not satisfied <b>(3%)</b>	Neutral <b>(10%)</b>	<b>992</b>
4	How satisfied are you with how our church meets your spiritual needs?	Satisfied <b>(84%)</b>	Not satisfied <b>(4%)</b>	Neutral <b>(12%)</b>	<b>1059</b>
5	How satisfied are you that there is a sense of community in how our church meets your needs?	Satisfied <b>(84%)</b>	Not satisfied <b>(3%)</b>	Neutral <b>(13%)</b>	<b>988</b>
6	How satisfied are you that the message of Jesus Christ as delivered in our church, is relevant to you?	Satisfied <b>(83%)</b>	Not satisfied <b>(4%)</b>	Neutral <b>(13%)</b>	<b>958</b>

7	Are you currently involved in church/group activities?	Yes <b>(27%)</b>	No <b>(73%)</b>		<b>954</b>
8	If you are not would you consider becoming involved	Yes <b>(10%)</b>	No <b>(57%)</b>	Consider it <b>(33%)</b>	<b>706</b>
	Comments	<b>(22%)</b>			<b>1059</b>

### Qualitative Analyses

Qualitative Themes were identified from the comment section of Questionnaire 1 (Satisfaction). There were 232 responses (22%) from the total returned of 1059 questionnaires. Thematic analysis was used whereby themes were extracted and reported on. Comments were both positive and negative with some helpful solutions to perceived concerns, problems and issues identified. The main themes related to the following areas: Gospel and Spiritual Themes; Parish Centre; Parish Supports; St Sylvesters Church; Teenagers and Children and Women, Parents, Carers and Older persons. The following are comments. See also discussion pages on the same theme.

**Gospel and Spiritual Themes:** The first theme presented relates to the Gospel and Spiritual Themes. Respondents from the Carmelite Convent, Seapark reported on a "Very peaceful convent Mass, happy leaving it." Positive comments related to the priests of the parish. Other positive comments related to the various masses "The 5.30 Mass is user friendly, lovely parish, lovely people." Even though the Family Mass at 10.00 am was widely praised a few expressed their concerns saying that "Children need to experience spirituality and mysticism more than in ordinary life" *and* Mass is one of their few live interactive experiences." "More traditional hymns, deeper faith formation, real text gospels are needed. Children need to grow up with these." Respondents said that "the 7.30 am Convent Mass is too long, especially for parishioners who have to travel to work." The need to "encourage more youth to participate in the convent mass was mentioned". A number of parishioners would like to see: "a community member being invited to give the homily once a month and to have shorter sermons with children being involved more". "Sermon could be more relevant and provide meaning to today's society, relating sermons to everyday life by providing sermons with more modern language, more youthful, current and relevant to today."

A small number referred to "church faith and modern issues such as sin and the need to communicate moral values in new ways". "Before Communion stresses that we are receiving the body and blood of Christ." "Adoration should be more intimate-new efforts to create children and to convert parents needed". "Homilies should be less generic and more specific with greater reference to communion and confirmation." "The church needs to go back to find Jesus of Nazareth" and "God's commandments are not discussed and there is silence on sin and abortion". "Also, there should be occasional references to church and faith issues and doubts" and modern dilemmas, idea of sin, conscience and forgiveness." Respondents who raised this area suggested that "Eucharist adoration needs to reach more, suggest

using the new Prayer room", "Providing the Gospel message and its relevance to every-day life would help us live our lives better". A few respondents would like "clearer teachings in Catholic beliefs" and "more theological and scripture talks for laity" as well as "more bible readings and explanation and application."

There were 10 comments relating to the unborn with equal numbers commenting thus "Speak on priority of unborn, you have a voice use it, people need to hear from their shepherd" and "very little pro-life message" and "views on pro- choice need to be balanced." Contra views were presented as "we don't want unborn rights to life foisted on us" More on life issues and on the 8<sup>th</sup> "don't lecture on sermons on the Referendum" and the "Church should listen to alternate views." The following are comments and likewise for the following four headings. See also discussion pages on the same theme.

**Parish Centre:** The second theme relates to the Parish Centre. The usage and focus of the Centre was mentioned by a small number of respondents. Positive responses were "The Parish centre is a great asset to all concerned. Centre is very nice." The majority who commented expressed concerns regarding the activities being undertaken. "The need "to promote activities in the Parish centre on Fridays and Saturdays in order to promote friendships" and on the same vein the "Parish Centre needs to create a sense of community." More events to encourage use, for example provide updates on what is happening in the Parish. The manner in which the "Parish Centre is being used is causing concern to some. "The Centre is not used as a centre for the church and "make the Parish Centre Community room more available, reach out to young." Also the "Parish centre is just a commercial centre. Remove ads from church railings. Dispense with signs on railings outside church." The courses being undertaken also raised some concern. Comments made ranged from "Disappointed to see courses on mindfulness and yoga being advertised as these are contrary to catholic belief. I would prefer scripture based courses" and "people need to be fed with the word of the Lord and not to be led astray by Eastern meditation techniques such as mindfulness and Yoga as these can promote negative practices" and "disappointed that the church is being used for new age practices with little time for devotion."

**Parish Supports:** The third theme presented related to parish Supports. Comments were mainly positive "*Vastly improved parish, Amazing PPC, very alive.*" The need to welcome all, attract kids" was mentioned. Some suggestions were made in relation to considerations regarding coffee, welcoming parishioners and times for confession and parish opening times, for example "Consider having tea/coffee after Sunday masses to ensure better communication between parishioners" or "suggest introducing coffee morning once each month to meet other parishioner's and hear what is happening and to talk" and to be "more welcoming to parishioners" and "Insufficient sharing of information for example on "sharing death notices between St Sylvesters and Sacred Heart Church. Times for "opening of Parish Office not enough for parishioners who are working or with children" and" more signage for Mass in the Parish centre needed" and "need to put times of Confession in the Newsletter" as it was perceived by a small number that "Confession is unattainable for parents with young children." A few attending the Convent Mass asked for the need to "make Seapark Convent better known," "promote the Prayer Room in the Convent that is available during the day."

**St Sylvesters Church:** The fourth theme relates to St Sylvesters Church. Most comments were positive and several made positive suggestions regarding church activities. *Respondent's* comments included "The church is pray full, welcoming and well organised parish, "the family mass is a lovely feature." "There is a strong sense of community, wonderful priest. "Love the Church" "Beautiful 11.30 Mass choir," would like to see the choir members sometimes" and bring more music to the church." Others commented on the need to "make more use of the church" "have early mass on Christmas eve" "view mass on the

web" "have evening mass 2-3 times per week for people who work" and "encourage prayers for 30-40 year old."

Some structural and practical suggestions were made in the following comments "Poor acoustics in church," "inadequate lighting in church yard/at front of the church dangerous," "provide seat for handicapped in church," "Newsletter not always available before Mass," "some church readers need assistance/training with biblical words and pronunciations, "can't hear readings, promote the cluster-have cluster web site with links to each parish for example, [www.mkp.ie](http://www.mkp.ie). "Have different times for masses in each of the churches in the cluster egg [www.mkp.ie](http://www.mkp.ie)" "help people on the streets, provide place for the homeless" "get rid of hand shaking/ may consider leaving the church because of it" and conversely "have handshaking at Mass". "Like the words on the screens during mass". Dislike emphasis on money/financial report". Some who attend the Convent asked for "Mention that Seapark convent subscribes to St Sylvesters Parish draw yearly accounts." Have sub group of PPC for convent and "call the churches "the parish" and not "the cluster".

**Teenagers and Children:** The fifth theme related to teenagers with helpful comments made in relation to mass times and placing teenagers as a priority in church activity. Comments included: "Keep doing 10 am mass and children involvement." "Mass for kids needs to be no more than 30 minutes. It is dragging and getting longer." "Bring back Folk group at 5.30 pm and involve youth. Have a later children's mass". "More young should do the readings at Mass" "needs younger representatives to address children at kids mass and sermons need to address modern age" "School children and secondary school teenagers need to be more involved in readings in the church. Include 12-16 year old in mass readings" Engage 18-30 age group by having a special mass service at 2-3 pm with a modern emphasis, include coffee/chips after (see Tallagh Charismatic Church)"Provide course on faith to children and teenagers so that they may pass on the faith to their parents".

"Parish needs to place teenagers as a priority. Have more emphasis on youth activity and have a Youth Club. Make greater effort to attract young people" "Adopt a no- judgemental attitude for children" Parish needs to connect with 20-30 age group and they need to be more involved in the parish," "Discuss why young are voting with their feet by not attending," "Appreciate when gospel messages are translated into real life situations." "Bible study for men in 18-40 age group need bible study course, suggest once each week commencing in September." "Want more Bible studies. Gospel needs to convey message" and "teenagers could work with the elderly in the parish".

**Women, Parents, Carers and Older Persons:** The sixth theme addressed women, parents, carers and older persons. Comments included: "Women should play a bigger role in the church." "Involve more women in the church". "No sign of the ordination of women on the church agenda". "Men and women should be full priests". Women not valued."

Comments related to parents included "More involvement by parents needed when children are preparing for communion and confirmation. "Try to do more to convert young parents. Invite families of all who were christened, received communion or were confirmed during the year to a special celebration at spring time and mention at Easter time." "Have Family Prayer night on Saturday or Sunday as drop in for those who don't go to mass." "Encourage greater involvement of teenagers and more family efforts for young adults," More "social dudes" need to get together"

Comments related to carers and older persons included: "Carers need more support. More support for elderly in the parish needed and more visits needed," "neighbour support needed, "have parish group to call to parishioners", "suggest day centre for elderly who are

living at home/alone “make house visits, help non-church goers and provide bus to collect older persons with transport to church mass”

### **Quantitative Analysis of Questionnaire 2 (Volunteering)**

This questionnaire is a follow on from the first questionnaire and is designed to determine the groups that respondents are interested in joining. This questionnaire was distributed by PPC members at all masses on February 27<sup>th</sup> in the same manner as Questionnaire 1. A total of 465 completed the form. The range of groups involved in St Sylvester’s Church is presented in Table 2 as well as findings from the questionnaire.

Findings indicate that participants responded to being involved in at least one group. The largest number of responses indicated Meals on Wheels (52), Bible Studies (16), as Voluntary Helpers on a one-off basis (54); St Vincent DePaul (30); Christmas Fair (22); Christmas Card Delivery (24) and Eucharistic Adoration (35). The remaining groups demonstrated interest by from 1-14 participants. See Table 2 Questionnaire (Volunteering)

## **DISCUSSION**

**Gospel and Spiritual Themes:** Whilst a large number of respondents commented positively on the Priests of the Parish, St Sylvester’s Choir and the Convent Choir a number commented on gospel and spiritual themes that included children’s need to experience spirituality and mysticism, live interactive experiences, more traditional hymns and deeper faith formation. All areas presented in the findings section will be considered by the priests of the parish in the future. A large number of spiritual groups are active in the parish which some parishioners may not be aware of. The range of church groups is now available to view in the church porch and on the Church web page. Current Spiritual activities are the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Lenten Ecumenical Talks and Video-based courses exploring *Your Catholic Faith* and *Culture and Scripture Study Mornings* take place in the Parish Centre during Lent for Ministers of the Word and those interested in Scripture and are provided by the Parish Pastoral Worker. Specific groups include The Legion of Mary which meets every Monday at 7.45 pm in St Brendan’s Room in the Parish Centre, St Joseph’s Young Priests Society, St Vincent de Paul Society, Young Adult Ministry (MYAM), JUVE Music and Marian Movement of priest. A small number referred to church faith and modern issues such as sin and the need to communicate moral values in new ways. It is noted that several church groups are focused on spirituality. These groups include the Adult Faith development group, Bethany Bereavement Group, Bible Study, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Minister, LECTIO DIVINA, Liturgy Preparation group, Prayer Group, Reader of the Word are all focusing on the bible and spiritual development. There were 10 comments relating to the unborn with equal numbers commenting thus “Very little pro-life message” and “views on pro- choice need to be balanced”. Whilst acknowledging these views The Referendum of the 8th Amendment is presented in the Choose Life 2018 NEWSLETTER that promotes the Church’s position on unborn human life (Irish Bishops Conference: ‘Our Common Humanity’, the Irish Bishop’s Message of March 2018 was made available in the church).

**Parish Centre:** A wide range of comments relating to the Parish Centre were provided mainly relating to its usage and focus. The Centre manager ensures the smooth running of the Centre. Whilst responses were mainly positive some concern was expressed over room bookings. Recognising that the Parish Centre is run as a financial concern *or “just a commercial centre”* is mainly true. *However* parish groups are permitted to book a room in the Parish Centre free-of-charge when notice is given and community groups are given priority over non-parish groups for use of the Centre. Times of Centre opening are available on the Web. Concern was also expressed over placing notices/banners on the church railings. This practice is banned from railings directly in front of the church and advertising is

normally taken down. Comment was made about the need to promote activities in the Parish centre on Fridays and Saturdays in order to promote friendships. Whilst there are a wide range of activities taking place the Church would welcome further ideas from parishioners on how this may be achieved. A few respondents expressed disappointment that the Centre was being used for new age practices such as Yoga and mindfulness. These classes are run as commercial ventures and consideration is taken by the management to ensure that a balanced range of activities take place and that these are run in an ethical manner. A few expressed concern over lack of activities for older persons. The main activity that is widely appreciated is Meals on Wheels. In the recent survey 50 parishioners reported being interested in supporting this group. More active citizens may join Senior Citizen Bingo that takes place on Thursdays from 11.0 in St Ita's room and indoor Bowls takes place on Fridays at 2.00 pm in the Parish centre. Volunteers for Lourdes and Parish Pilgrimages and to Lough Derg, Knock and Lourdes are welcome.

**Parish Supports:** Comments were mainly positive. Respondents who provided helpful suggestions to improve parish supports will be discussed in the future by the PPC and those providing a contact number will be communicated with to seek their support further. Some suggestions were made in relation to considerations regarding coffee, welcoming parishioners and times for confession and parish opening times. "

**St Sylvesters Church:** Comments relating to the church were mainly favourable and a strong sense of community was recognised. Mass times were viewed as favourable and recognition of the shortage of priests and the wide range of services provided were acknowledged. A few comments related to the need for additional masses at different times. With the support of priests from other parishes and religious orders, it is still possible to provide Sunday Masses at 9.00, 10.00, 11.15, 12.30, 5.30 pm and daily at 7.30 am in the Convent and 10.00 am in St. Sylvester's. Mass times in St Sylvesters and the other churches in the Cluster are provided on the weekly Sunday NEWSLETTER, available on line and in the church.

A few respondents commented on the presentation of church finances during Masses. The need to provide information to all parishioners on how parish funds are used is important to the Church. The first collection is made for the Diocesan Common Fund for the remuneration of Priests and the second collection for SHARE is used for the developing parishes and diocesan administration. Standing Orders, or Family Offering envelopes and the Parish Draw are the main sources of funding for the day-to-day running of the parish and parishioners are invited to think about contributing to the running of the parish through any of these options. The practical suggestions made by respondents relating to church acoustics, lighting in the church yard/at front of the church, seating /space for handicapped persons in the church, availability of the Sunday Newsletter and church reader proficiency are all being considered by the PPC and Father Kevin Moore.

**Teenagers, Children, Women, Parents and Older Persons:** Combining responses relating to these groups/individuals, many helpful comments were made in relation to mass times and placing teenagers as a priority in church activity. Typical comments related to bringing back the Folk group Mass at 5.30 pm and involving youths and have having "more young doing the readings at Mass". It was also suggested that there should be younger representatives to address children at kids Mass and sermons to address modern age". The Parish Priest acknowledges the support the Parish receives from the local primary and second level schools in the parish and teacher dedication to preparing children to receive the sacrament and reading at Sunday masses. Comments relating to greater involvement by school children and secondary school teenagers to be more involved in readings in the church, and in engaging 18-30 age group by having a special mass service at 2-3 pm with a modern emphasis. In relation to the feasibility of these suggestions and on how the parish may be able to connect with 20-30 age group those suggestions will be discussed by the

PPC. Comments related to women centred on playing a bigger role in the church and being more involved and valued. A large number of young women visit the Parish Centre for various activities each day and this is greatly appreciated by the Parish. How to achieve greater involvement by young women in church groups will it is hoped, result from expressions of interest made on the questionnaires distributed. More involvement by women in church affairs remains outside the domain of the PPC.

Comments related to parents included the need for "More involvement by parents when children are preparing for communion and confirmation". The suggestion to invite the families of all who were baptised, received communion or were confirmed during the year to a special celebration at spring time and mention at Easter time is one that will be discussed further by the PPC.

Comments related to carers and older persons included the need for "more support for elderly in the parish and more visits". The Meals-on-wheels service provided to older persons living alone at home is one that is greatly appreciated. A dedicated group prepare and distribute lunch time meals. Home visits are made to older persons by the St Vincent DePaul Society, Legion of Mary and by the Parish Pastoral Workers and Priests. It is hoped that these services can be extended in the coming years.

## **CONCLUSION**

Parishioners undertaking pastoral work in St Sylvester's Parish provide valuable parish work. Many work as members of several groups and all in a voluntary capacity. They provide a valuable service to the community and giving of their time in a manner that is exemplary and often hidden from public view. This selfless work, demonstrated through the questionnaire responses presented here, is represented as a strong thread that supports the priests of the parish in pastoral and community work, whilst acting as a reflective of the parish with a spiritual dimension, to serve, support and offer friendship to fellow parishioners.

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The PPC acknowledges with gratitude this support on behalf of the parish. The PPC also acknowledges the guidance of Father Kevin Moore and the members of the PPC sub-group involved in the facilitation of the questionnaires. The PPC is committed *to* acknowledging responses where address or email/telephone number is provided. Contact will then be made over the next number of weeks/months with further information as things progress. It is at this stage that respondents can decide to make a definite decision about becoming involved.

**St Sylvester's Church, Malahide**

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Volunteering Survey Responses (May 2018)**

**Table 2 Questionnaire 2: Findings Demonstrating Interest in Church Group Activities**

<b>Church Group Name</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Church Group Name</b>	<b>No.</b>
Adult Choir (11.15 am Mass)	7	Legion of Mary	1
Adult Faith Development	7	Liturgy Preparation Group	2
Baptism Group	7	Marian Movement of Priests	0
Bethany Bereavement Group	4	Meals on Wheels	51
Bible Study	14	Parish Newsletter	3
Building/Development Committee	5	Parish Finance	10
Christmas Fair	22	Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)	12
Christmas /Easter Cards Delivery	24	Parish Pilgrimages	9
Church Banners	5	Parish Website	7
Church Carers (Church Linens)	1	Prayer Group	10

Church Decoration (Christmas and Easter)	9	Prayer Service Leader (if Mass not on)	4
Church Cleaning Blitz (Spring/Autumn)	13	Reader of the Word (St Sylvester's)	14
Ecumenical Committee-Interfaith	8	Reader of the Word (Convent)	8
Eucharistic Adoration	34	Stewarding	5
Eucharistic Minister	16	Sacristy Volunteer	5
Family Mass 10.00am (Parents/Children)	10	Seapark Choir (Convent)	10
Flower Arranging	6	St Joseph's Young Priests Society	2
Funeral Prayers-Cemetery/Funeral	3	St Padre Pio Group	12
Hospitality	18	St Vincent de Paul Society	30
JUVE Music (12.30 pm Mass)	2	Voluntary Helper (for one- off occasions)	54
LECTIO DIVINA-Sunday Readings Focus	3	Young Adult Ministry- incl. MYYAM	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

**Final Total: 468** (Some respondents indicated interest in multiple groups)

**Availability (provided by some respondents)**

Weekly = 10

Monthly =22

Once or twice a year =21

Flexible =33

As Needed =19