

## Notes from the meeting of EMs Thursday 30 March

Present Fr Gerry Murphy, Paul Ripley, Paul Featherstone, Thomas and John Cassidy

Margaret, Fabio, Rob, Angela, Yvonne, Iris and Kath were unable to attend for various reasons. Maggie Baldock has asked to be taken off the list.

The meeting was called following the meeting of the Synod when various suggestions were made regarding the future of EMs in the Parish (note outlined by Paul Ripley)

Following a short prayer the following items were discussed, and actions agreed,

1, The role of EMS in the distribution of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

It was generally agreed that it is unlikely that the Church will be recommending the reception of communion in both forms of bread and wine. The present arrangements are working well with Fr Gerry and deacon Don distributing communion.

### **Action -Stay as we are but keep under review**

2. The celebration of word and communion in the absence of a Priest.

It was agreed that we should restart these services again. It is good that the EMs should be active in leading prayer in the longer term we may need to do so more often.

### **Action- Paul Ripley will contact those interested**

3. Communion to the Sick and house bound

EMs (Kath and John) have, pre pandemic, taken Holy Communion to the sick either at home or in care. It would be good to start this again. Paul Ripley expressed interest.

### **Action – Paul Ripley to contact Iris for the names of those on the visiting list who would like to receive communion**

4. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

EMs should be familiar with the guidelines for exposition but there was no immediate need for their assistance at the present time,

5. Service for the sick

The idea of organising a service for the sick, in St Annes, was discussed. It was thought to be a good idea and should be arranged.

### **Action- Paul Ripley, John, Iris and Fr Gerry to arrange a suitable time and date and format.**

5, Training and Renewal of EMs

In the absence of renewal days organised by the Diocese it was thought we should organise a renewal service in the parish. We should meet up as a group at least once a quarter.

### **Action -John and Fr Gerry**

The meeting ended with a prayer

