

PRAYER GROUP REPORT TO AGM 8.5.2021

St John's prayer group has managed well despite various Covid lockdowns. At the height of which John Lanigan skillfully got us all up and running on Zoom for several weeks. We also began a Messenger Group and this has proved popular for requesting prayers and sharing various items of news, including birthday blessings.

The prayer group continues to grow and most weeks we have an attendance of aprox 16 people out of 25 regulars. We are a joyful caring community of like minded people who enjoy sharing our faith and prayers together. John and Dale Lanigan and Peter Dekker provide inspiring music for praise and worship. We also study the coming Sunday's Gospel together every week. We also pray for each other's needs occasionally using blessed oils.

On 19th March the prayer group hosted Fr John Rea SM who conducted a healing service. About 200 people attended, a few from other Churches. Several people reported receiving a healing.

Each year we hold an outreach into the parish and after two cancellations due to Covid, The Gift Life in the Spirit seminar on DVD is at last due to begin on April 14th and running for 6 weeks to Pentecost Sunday. It is expected that many parishioners will take the opportunity to attend and enhance their prayer and faith life. This year Bishop Michael Geilen came and opened the programme with his own testimony. At the time of this AGM, all going well, we will have completed the 3rd week of the course.

The prayer group usually participates in the World Day of Prayer and this year was no exception, The Holy Family prayer group attending to this. (separate report on HF prayer Group.)

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