

St Catherine’s Parish Community Sponsorship Group: Update

As most parishioners will be aware, St Catherine’s Parish was one of the first in the Diocese to respond to Pope Francis’ and the Bishops’ Conference call that each parish consider supporting a refugee family displaced by the conflict in Syria. Community Sponsorship is the process used by the Home Office and UNHCR to ensure plans made by parish groups, formally underwritten by the Diocese, are secure and then to identify a refugee family for resettlement.

Great news on two fronts! Home Office final approval is expected in the next few weeks and we have now secured a family house less than a mile from St Catherine’s. This will be available shortly.

Fundraising continues Many thanks to those who have contributed by signing a standing order, by making a one-off donation, or in the recent “bucket” collection. The next event? **A Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop** with your favourite high street brands at 50% off! **When? Thursday 20th September. Where? In the Community Centre, 7:30 for 8:00pm.** Tickets available shortly after Mass and via this Update.

What’s next? Making sure that the family home is prepared and furnished. This means three tasks to be completed before the family arrive in Didsbury; a **decorating team** will need to paint the interior; we’re looking for a team of about 10 parishioners who will complete this task in one weekend!! Paint provided, but great if the decorators come equipped with rollers and brushes. Similarly, a **gardening team** to work on a large garden which we are assured will have been largely cleared probably an opportunity for pruning and grass cutting more details later! And finally **an appeal for furniture**, suitable and in good condition for a small family home.

If you can help: by joining one of the teams; by making a donation or signing a standing order; by buying a ticket for the Ladies Fashion Show; or by offering furniture, please complete and return the adjacent pro-forma, in the collection or to the presbytery, and we’ll be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support!

I’m happy to help!

Please tick or comment as appropriate.

Ladies Fashion Show : please may I have tickets at £5 each.

The Refugee Family Home

I’m happy to join the Decorating Team:

I’m happy to join the Gardening Team:

I can offer the following item of Furniture:

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Donation/Standing Order

I’d like to make a donation

I’d like to sign a monthly standing order

Name:

Address:

Email:

Mobile:

Thank you for your support. Please seal this form in an envelope marked CSG and place in the Sunday collection or the Presbytery. We’ll be in touch.