

# Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Present:** Canon Bernard Massey, David Culley (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Petronella Mason, Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling, Grainne Stables, Mary Templer, Frank Tohill.

### 1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

### 2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

### 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were accepted with the following amendment:

Item 4: Priorities for 2011 – Help for the Wider Community: Issues of Social Justice – it was noted that the talk on SVP did not take place; also that the contact should be Gerry Healy not David Gabriel.

### 4 Review of Events / Priorities

#### ➤ *Pentecost Celebration (12<sup>th</sup> June)*

It was agreed that this had been a great success and much enjoyed by those who attended – feedback from parishioners had been positive with requests for a repeat next year. About 300 had attended the Mass in church with possibly slightly fewer staying for the BBQ due to the inclement weather. It was agreed to run a similar event next year on the 17<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart (15<sup>th</sup> June). David C would book the Newman Hall.

Action: David C

The following points were noted:

- i) The Newman Hall had not been left in an acceptable condition by the previous users with lots of things lying around which necessitated much work before preparations for the BBQ could be started. It was agreed to mention this to Chris Torpy to ensure that the Hall is left clear. Action: David C
- ii) There was a surplus of food due to (a) overcatering (500) and (b) fewer attending BBQ because of inclement weather: however, none was wasted as this was shared out on the day/taken to St James Centre.
- iii) Need to ensure supplies of tea cloths/washing up liquid etc available in the kitchen – Chris Torpy to be asked what supplies are normally provided for use, if any. Action: David C
- iv) Supplementary dishes supplied by parishioners were much appreciated.

➤ *Social Justice Meetings*

Frank reported that the talks had been well done, though numbers attending had been disappointing – around 12-20. However, the talks had been successful in bringing together parishioners from Sacred Heart and St Antony's. It was agreed that a relationship between the two parishes had started towards building together and that hopefully in the future this would move to setting up joint working groups. However, more needs to be done to enable this.

➤ *New Missal Talks*

Very positive feedback had been received on the two talks on the New Translation of the Liturgy given to date by Mike Kavanagh from St Antony's. These talks had been reassuring and had served to allay some of the fears/rumours. There had been a good turnout for the Mass using the New Translation. Canon Bernard advised that he would be talking about the New Translation at weekend Mass from September onwards. **Action: Canon Bernard**

➤ *Post First Holy Communion Children*

- i) Jake reported that this group was now up and running – there are now 3 Children's Liturgy groups.
- ii) Grainne mentioned the importance of those involved/leading the groups being CRB checked. **Action: Grainne**
- iii) It was agreed that rotas need to be drawn up to cover holiday periods. **Action: Jake/Grainne**
- iv) In response to a query reference running the Children's Liturgy groups during August, it was agreed to continue to run the Pre-School group only during this holiday period.
- v) It was noted that the Post First Holy Communion group would be involved in the Mass from time to time.

**5 Ideas for Autumn 2011**

'Diary of God' course to be led by John Huntriss (already booked). There will be 2 blocks of 4 sessions – the first on the Old Testament and the second on the New Testament. Dates to be November 8/15/22/29 and January 10/17/24/31 from 7.30-9.30 pm. Cost to be £24 and parishioners will need to book a ticket. This will be run as a Diocesan event but will be hosted by the Sacred Heart. **Action: David C**

'Celebrate' weekend at St Bede's to be held 21/22 October – this event to be promoted at Children's Liturgy groups, and also with visual aids to be shown at the coffee gathering after 9.30 am Mass. **Action: Mary**

Harvest Festival Mass to be on 25<sup>th</sup> September – children to be involved, church to be decorated. Food to be collected for the Food Bank – it was suggested that donations to the Food Bank might be made every week. **Action: Grainne**

The Clergy Revue (in aid of CAFOD) at the Colston Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. There is a form in the narthex for interested parishioners – a coach has been booked at £5 per head. **Action: David G**

## 6 Parish Website

Canon Bernard showed the PPC the proposed Parish Website which was being built. All present felt it was visually very appealing and that it contained the information that visitors to the site would need, and that this was presented in a user-friendly format. There was still work to be done, such as including cameos and photos of parishioners/parish groups, but the feedback on progress so far was very positive. Canon Bernard said he hoped the website would go live at the end of September. Some possible links were suggested: St Antony's; Mass readings; Facebook; podcast for those receiving communion at home. It was noted there would not be a 'Have Your Say' page. Action: Canon Bernard

## 7 Any Other Business

- **Confirmation**

Confirmation would take place on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 7.00 pm – an invitation would be issued to St Antony's parish for possible candidates to join the group. Action: Canon Bernard

- **Hymn Number Boards**

New and larger Hymn Number Board(s) to be provided. Action: Canon Bernard

- **Microphones**

Currently there is a problem with the uni-directional microphone used by Canon Bernard as those at the back of the church are unable to hear – Canon Bernard agreed to investigate different microphones. Action: Canon Bernard

- **Music**

- i) Feedback on the use of the iPod at Mass had been varied.
- ii) New hymnbooks will be purchased when appropriate and following the introduction of the new music for the New Translation of the Liturgy. Action: Canon Bernard

- **Hymn Book Trolley**

Current positioning of the Hymn Book Trolley causes congestion as congregation leave after Mass – welcomers to try alternatives. Action: Welcomers (Grainne/Frank)

## 8 Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 pm.

## 9 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.