

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 28th November 2010

Present: Canon Bernard Massey, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling, Grainne Stables, Frank Tothill (arrived Item 5).

1 **Opening Prayer**

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 **Apologies for absence**

David Culley (Chair), Petronella Mason, Mary Templer.

3 **Election of Chair and Secretary**

David Culley had expressed his willingness to serve a further term as Chair and was unanimously accepted.

Jane Dyer expressed her willingness to continue as Minutes Secretary and was unanimously accepted

4 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday, 7th November 2010, were accepted.

Matters arising

It was noted that the recent AGM had been well attended (43 parishioners) and a number of suggestions made for Priorities 2011 – see below).

Canon Bernard outlined the plans for:

- Renovations to the kitchen/dining room in the Presbytery; and
- Changes to the church cloakroom facilities to include baby changing and disabled access

5 **Priorities for 2011**

➤ *Faith Development for the post 1st Holy Communion children*

The absence of a post 1st Holy Communion group had been raised as a concern at the AGM by Emma Perry. It was agreed to form a Working Party to look at ways of forming such a group and to consult with Emma. It was noted that there is already a group for girls aged 8-11 (the Sunshine Girls Club) run by Christina Orlando but there is no such group for boys.

Action: Petronella/Jake/Grainne

It was also agreed that there should be more involvement of the children at Mass – such as welcoming, taking the collection and the offertory.

➤ *Spiritual Development of the Parish*

Advent: A full programme of events has been arranged (see previous Minutes and insert in Newsletter)

Lent 2011: It is proposed to run another Knowing God Better type course

Post Easter 2011: Catechesis on the new Roman Liturgy will begin and it is hoped to set up a joint project with St Antony's to study the changes to the Liturgy

Autumn 2011: Provisional booking of The Diary of God course led by John Huntriss

➤ *Help for the wider community*

Pre Lent period: Stuart Craddy had suggested at the AGM helping the Friends of the Holy Land which is a charitable organisation established in 2009 in the UK to assist the Christian Community in the Holy Land. It was agreed to set up a Working Party to raise awareness of this charity and to consult with Stuart regarding a possible speaker. **Action: Mary/Frank**

Lent period: David G advised that the CAFOD Working Party would continue to meet in order to maintain CAFOD's presence and involve the parish at all times – there would be a Lent CAFOD campaign. **Action: David G**

Post Lent period: Possibly raise awareness of persecuted Christians everywhere – consult with Mary.

General: Arising from discussion at the AGM as to the purpose of the Poor Plate collection, it was agreed to raise awareness of social concerns and our responsibilities as a parish.

SVP Society – possibly look to link with another parish with a working group

Action: David G

Catholics Making a Difference – maybe look to running this CaFE course

6 Progress with plans for Advent 2010

Plans for Advent were in hand and an insert had been put with the Newsletter giving full details.

It was noted that the Christmas Collage would be put up in the church during the coming week.

7 Any other business

Canon Bernard advised that he would be looking at setting up a Parish Website possibly after Easter.

8 Date of next meeting

Sunday, 6th February 2011. (Terry Quadling gave his apologies for this meeting)

9 Closing prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers remembering especially David Culley's father and family.