

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 6th February 2011

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

1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

Terry Quadling

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 28th November 2010 were accepted.

Matters arising

- i) Advent 2010: The events planned for Advent 2010 had been successful and well attended – feedback had been positive – it was agreed that we need to build on this experience for Advent 2011.
- ii) Parish Website: it is hoped to progress this post Easter – material would be needed to put on the website such as pictures (possibly of events that take place) and newsletters (currently being saved for this purpose). **Action: Canon Bernard**
- iii) Parish Party for helpers: it was agreed this had been a great success.

4 Priorities for 2011

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

As yet no consultation had taken place with Emma Perry so it was agreed to form a Working Party to take matters forward. It was agreed to invite Emma and also Louise White to join the Working Party to consider:

- Social activities
- Faith development
- Involvement of the children at Mass – e.g. welcomers, offertory etc

It was agreed that the present first Holy Communion parents need to be involved to enable continuity – it was also suggested that first Holy Communion parents should be involved in the classes. **Action: Jake(Co-ord)/Grainne/ Petronella/ Canon Bernard**

➤ *Spiritual Development of the Parish*

Lent 2011 – It was agreed to offer the CaFE course entitled ‘Believe: Reflections on the Creed’. This consists of 6 sessions and it was decided to run the course on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.00 pm with a possible start date of Ash Wednesday. A Working Party was set up to consider details. **Action: Mary(Co-ord)/Jane/David G/David C**

Post Easter 2011 – Catechesis on the new Roman Liturgy would take place during this period and Canon Bernard envisaged this to be a series of talks at weekend Mass possibly over 4 weeks – separate sessions would also be offered. He advised that resources were still awaited. Action: Canon Bernard

Autumn 2011 – David C outlined the proposed ‘Diary of God’ course to be led by John Huntriss. 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 and the cost will be £24 per person. This will be run as a Diocesan event but will be hosted by the Sacred Heart. Action: David C

➤ *Help for the Wider Community*

Issues of Social Justice – it was agreed to set up a Working Party to consider and to arrange a series of talks during May to raise awareness of these issues. Action: Frank/David C

- Friends of the Holy Land: the Working Party to consult with Stuart Craddy regarding a possible speaker;
- SVP: David G reported on the structure of the SVP – it was noted that there is already an active group at St Antony’s, Henbury, and it was suggested setting up a new group in our parish. The Working Party to consult with Gerry Healey.

CAFOD – David G reported on the campaign agreed at the recent Working Party meeting:

- Suggested CAFOD Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Give-it-up boxes and envelopes to be available
- The Lent fund raising target to be as last year
- Get down to business this Lent – support for small businesses
- Pancake Supper – Shrove Tuesday 8th March
- Lent Fast Day – 18th March
- The Clifton Diocese CAFOD Gathering (to be held in Newman Hall – volunteers will be needed) – Saturday 2nd April
- Cake Sale – Sunday 3rd April
- Clergy Revue at Colston Hall – Friday 30th September
- Possible concert in the future

Action: David G

5 Greeters at Mass

Grainne reported that several families were now involved with the Ministry of Welcome at the 9.30 am Mass and that a rota had been set up (details in the Narthex). It was agreed that someone needs to be on hand to welcome any latecomers and show them to a seat. Grainne would look at this for the 9.30 am Mass and Frank for the 6.30 pm Mass – the 11.00 am Mass is already covered. It was agreed that a Training Session might be helpful when more welcomers have signed up. Action: Grainne/Frank

6 Any Other Business

CTWA – Frank reported on the findings of the recent CTWA Discussion on Future Day:

- Have one yearly meeting instead of quarterly meetings;
- Not do things together just for the sake of it but because we want to.

Good Friday – Grainne asked whether there could be Stations of the Cross for Children.

Child Protection ISA – Grainne advised that Government proposals for change were imminent; details would be known shortly.

Parish Fun Day – Grainne proposed that a date be set as soon as possible; suitable dates to be considered together with the possibility of having a BBQ. **Action: Grainne/Jake/David C**

PPC Meetings – it was agreed that PPC meetings would continue to commence at 7.30 pm but that they would be kept to an hour in length. The Working Parties would email reports to PPC members prior to meetings to facilitate this.

'Rogues Gallery' – David C reported that an updated 'Rogues Gallery' had been prepared and agreed by PPC members and would be made available to parishioners.

Ministers of the Eucharist – Canon Bernard reported that he was trying to get more parishioners interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers.

Serving Two Parishes – David C reported that he had written to Fr Michael and the Pastoral Team at St Antony's regarding working together – he asked the PPC for their views on how best to progress. It was agreed that we need to form a stronger relationship and that we would like to work more closely with them. Canon Bernard suggested this be raised at the next Deanery Pastoral Council meeting. **Action: Canon Bernard/Jane**

7 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Sunday 6th March from 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

8 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.