

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 6th March 2011

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

1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

David Gabriel, Terry Quadling, Grainne Stables.

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 6th February 2011 were accepted.

Matters arising

i) Parish Website: Canon Bernard advised that it was hoped to progress this during the summer months – possibly using the same firm that built the Clifton Diocesan website. **Action: Canon Bernard**

ii) Parish Fun Day: Sunday 12th June (Pentecost) had been proposed and agreed as a suitable date – David C advised that the Newman Hall had been booked. Canon Bernard proposed that one Mass only be held that weekend at 10.30 am on Sunday (replacing the 3 usual weekend Masses) and that this be held in the grounds of the Newman Hall. This would be followed by a BBQ (possibly set up in the Presbytery garden) – coffee/tea/orange would be available and the bar would be open. Jake advised that the Catenians are kindly sponsoring the food – it was agreed that other funding would be through the Parish (with provision for donations on the day). (Council members were asked to think of a suitable name for this ‘Fun Day’)

Action: Grainne/Jake/David C/Petronella/Mary

4 Priorities for 2011

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

Jake reported that:

- i) A meeting has been organised post 9.30 am Mass on 13th March with Emma Perry and those able to attend to discuss ideas.
- ii) Frank has provided details of CTWA contacts in order to find out what has worked/not worked with children in their churches.
- iii) CTWA contacts have been asked for feedback on what has/has not worked for them with the post 8-year old children in their churches – *responses currently awaited.*
Jake is also awaiting contact from Dave Wheat – Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Discussion took place on the possibility of having post 1st Holy Communion Liturgy at the 9.30 am Mass (as part of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word). David C agreed to contact the catechists to ask if they would be prepared to undertake this – Canon Bernard advised that any resources/training needed would be funded by the Parish. The need to engage with the parents of the 1st Holy Communion children is essential so that they continue to attend church post 1st Holy Communion and bring their children.

Action: Jake(Co-ord)/Grainne/ Petronella/ Canon Bernard

➤ *Spiritual Development of the Parish*

Lent 2011 – The CaFE course entitled ‘Believe: Reflections on the Creed’ will run on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.00 pm: the course consists of 6 sessions and will commence on Ash Wednesday, 9th March. Mary reported that arrangements were completed and final preparations were in hand. She requested that those who had offered to help come at 6.30 pm on the first evening in order to set things up.

Action: Mary(Co-ord)/Jane/David G/David C

Post Easter 2011 – Catechesis on the new Roman Liturgy to take place.

Action: Canon Bernard

Autumn 2011 – ‘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 – Frank reported that 5 meetings on the subject of ‘Help for the Wider Community’ were proposed:

- Talk by Terry Quadling on his work in India
- Help for Christians in the Holy Land (Stewart Craddy)
- SVP (David Gabriel)
- CAFOD ‘Connect 2 Cambodia’
- Bristol, City of Sanctuary (re asylum seekers) (David Culley)

Suggested dates are Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 24th May to 22nd June.

Action: Frank(Co-ord)/Terry/David G/David C

CAFOD – The Lent campaign will include:

- Pancake Supper – Shrove Tuesday 8th March
- Lent Fast Day – 18th March
- The Clifton Diocese CAFOD Gathering to be held in Newman Hall – Saturday 2nd April
- Cake Sale – Sunday 3rd April

Action: David G

5 Greeters at Mass

It was agreed that more welcomers are still needed and in particular someone to welcome latecomers. A Training Session might be helpful when more welcomers have signed up.

Action: Grainne/Frank

6 Any Other Business

Serving Two Parishes – Canon Bernard reported that he had contacted Fr Michael and arranged to hold a joint meeting with 2/3 members of both the PPC and the Pastoral Team in order to discuss how best to work together. This had been scheduled for Wednesday 6th April from 7.30-8.30 pm and would be held at St Anthony’s: however, it was noted that this date clashed with the ‘Believe’ course and would have to be altered.

Action: Canon Bernard

Canon Bernard's vacation – Canon Bernard advised that he would be away from 16th March to 4th April. Canon Kevin Mortimer will be saying the weekend Masses and Mass on Wednesdays; Opus Dei meet on Thursday once a month with Mass. In the event of emergency, contact the Dean – Fr Tom Finnegan.

Parish Chair – David Culley advised members that this would be his last year as Chair. He recommended that the next Chair be an existing Council member and stressed that the role of Chair is one of facilitator.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Sunday 8th May from 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

8 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.