

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 8th May 2011

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

1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

Grainne Stables

3 Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters arising

Parish Website: Canon Bernard reported that he would be attending the Christian Resources Exhibition at Esher during the coming week and would be looking at possible website providers; also Fr Christopher Whitehead has the name of a possible contact.

Action: Canon Bernard

4 Priorities for 2011

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

i) Jake reported that he, Petronella and Canon Bernard had met with David Wheat (Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator) – the next action is to organise a post 1st Holy Communion liturgy group to start after 1st Holy Communion this year. Emma Perry might be interested in running this – CRB check is in hand. It was agreed to look at the size of the children's liturgy groups over the next few weeks.

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

ii) Canon Bernard has sent Jake information on current post 1st Holy Communion groups in the area.

iii) The forthcoming Diocesan Family Day to be held on Saturday 21st May at St Brendan's College was noted.

➤ *Spiritual Development of the Parish*

i) David C reported that feedback on the CaFE Lent course entitled 'Believe: Reflections on the Creed' had been positive with about 15 responses – approx 20/25 people had attended each session.

ii) It was noted that the 'Diary of God' course was booked for the autumn (see previous minutes for details).

➤ *Help for the Wider Community*

Issues of Social Justice

Frank reported that at the recent joint meeting with members of St Antony's Pastoral Team, it had been agreed that this was an area for working together. A talk on the subject LIFE had

been added to the 5 already proposed. It was hoped to start the series of talks on the 31st May and Frank would be liaising with Mike Kavanagh of St Antony's to finalise details.

Subjects are:

- 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' (David Gabriel)
- Bristol, City of Sanctuary (re asylum seekers) (David Culley)
- LIFE (Mike Kavanagh)

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

CAFOD

David G reported that the Lent campaign raised £2641.82 which increases to £2974 when tax recovered through Gift Aid is included. This sum is well ahead of the target £2750.

5 Working with St Antony's

The Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Team Meeting held on 14 April had been circulated to PPC members. David C reported that some members of St Antony's showed a genuine enthusiasm and a desire to work together – though understandably there was anxiety and concern about future changes.

There are several areas where the two parishes can work together:

- Study of the New Translation of the Liturgy – dates had been agreed for 6 Workshops (2 preceded by Mass)
- Talks on the Issues of Social Justice (see item 4 above)
- Family Fun Day to be held at Sacred Heart on 12th June (Feast of Pentecost) preceded by Open Air Mass at 11.30 am (see item 6 below)
- Possible trip to Westminster – to be arranged by St Antony's
- Sharing news / common newsletter – each parish to include the other in the Bidding Prayers
- 'Diary of God' course to be held in the autumn – Diocesan event to be hosted by the Sacred Heart

The next Joint Pastoral Team Meeting is scheduled for 25th May.

6 Pentecost Event on 12th June – provision for between 200/300 attending The Mass

- There will be only one Mass that weekend – an open air service at 11.30 am to be held outside the Newman Hall (if wet inside the church)
- There will be no Children's Liturgy but the children will be involved in the Mass; perhaps dress up/act out the story; Louise/Judith to be contacted
Action: Jake/David C
- As this is a joint event with St Antony's, the ministries will be shared (such as reading etc.)
Action: Canon Bernard

The BBQ

- It is hoped to provide activities for the children, such as face painting
Action: Jake

- The Newman Hall bar to be open for drinks – tea /coffee/squash also to be available
Action: David C/Jane (UCM)
- Barbecues and volunteers to operate them will be needed
Action: Jake to co-ordinate
- Arrange for an ice cream van to come in the afternoon
Action: Jake
- Sausages, hot dogs, beefburgers buns, plates, napkins to be purchased from Macro (at cost to the Parish)
Action: David G/Jane
- Green salads/potato salads/fruit salad/cakes to be provided by parishioners – volunteers will be asked to provide these
Action: David C/Jane (UCM)/David G to co-ordinate offers
- A flyer to be prepared for distribution to parishioners with details and requests for volunteers
Action: David C
- Music to be provided for the PA system
Action: Terry
- Seating will be provided for the elderly and disabled
Action: Team on the day

7 Any Other Business

Greeters at Mass

It was agreed that the subject of Welcomers together with any Training Session be considered a joint project with St Antony's as an area of co-operation between the two parishes.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Sunday 5th June from 7.30 – 8.30 pm.

9 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.