

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 31st May 2015 at 4.00 pm

Present: Mgr Bernard Massey (Priest of the Joint Parishes), Father Rupert Allen.

PPC members

Sacred Heart: Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Chris Menzies (Chair), Fiona McDonald, Petronella Mason, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner, Frank Tohill.

St Antony's: Bernard Thomas.

Parishioners: 33

Apologies for Absence

Sue King.

1 Opening Prayer

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers and the Lord's Prayer.

2 Welcome and Introduction

Chris Menzies welcomed all those present especially Father Rupert Allen who would be with the parish for a year – it was good to see more parishioners present than the previous year. Chris thanked Gill Preisner and her team for the lovely tea; Chris also thanked Jo Savery for all her hard work in producing all the reports and paperwork for the meeting.

3 Acceptance of Minutes of 2014 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 13th April 2014 were accepted and signed by Chris Menzies.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Parish Reports

Reports had been obtained from various Parish groups and these were distributed; it was noted that copies of these reports will be available at the back of the churches and will also be used to update the website.

Mgr Bernard drew attention to the figures in his report especially Mass attendance and income levels both of which had increased at both parishes. A number of improvements had been carried out at St Antony's.

It was noted that St Antony's current account overdraft stands at £11,000 and the loan account at £18,000. The plan is to pay off the debt in about 2/3 years (noted that £11/12,000 has been paid off in the last 2/3 years).

Mgr Bernard pointed out that merging of the two parishes financially is not allowed under Canon Law.

6 Acceptance of Parish Accounts

Year end accounts to 31st December 2014 for both Sacred Heart and St Antony's were distributed. There were no questions and these were accepted as follows:

Sacred Heart: proposed by Stuart Craddy and seconded by Frank Tohill

St Antony's: proposed by Bernard Thomas and seconded by Petronella Mason

7 Newman Hall

Year end accounts to 31st December 2014 were distributed. There were no questions and these were accepted as follows: proposed by Jacek Miotla and seconded by Chris Torpy.

8 Election of PPC Members

Chris Menzies thanked all PPC members for their work over the past year; Chris advised that Sue King would be standing down from the PPC and thanked her for all her hard work.

All other PPC members had expressed a willingness to continue on the PPC.

Election of PPC Members was proposed by Sarah Cuellar and seconded by Kate Painter.

9 Any Other Business

St Antony's 100 Club

An appeal was made for more parishioners to join this club.

Memorial Garden

It was noted that 9 plots had been sold to date at a cost of £350 per plot.

Newman Hall Flat

A detailed analysis had been received of the conversion work needing to be carried out: however this was not financially viable (at a cost of £100,000 with a 20 year payback) and the plan had been withdrawn – there had also been planning issues. The future of the flat will be reconsidered.

Newman Hall

It was noted that monies from the Newman Hall have been put to doing work at the Newman Hall.

10 Closing Remarks and Prayer

Chris Menzies thanked all those present for all the work they do especially relating to the partnership between Sacred Heart and St Antony's.

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including a Hail Mary