

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 12th February 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present: Canon Bernard Massey, Jake Preisner, Roger Mason, David Gabriel, Frank Tohill (Chair), Chris Menzies (minutes), Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner

1. Opening prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies

Jane Dyer, Terry Quadling

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th January 2012

These were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

a) CRB checks

Grainne has now 'retired' from the role of coordinator. Two volunteers have come forward. Teresa Rann and Harriet Pearson will share the role. One of their first tasks will be to review and update CRB procedures for the Parish.

b) Reader training

This is still to be arranged.

Action: Canon Bernard

5. Priorities for 2012

a) Spiritual development of the Parish

Lent at the Sacred Heart

▫ Café course 'Live Life to the Full'

Canon Bernard now has the materials including sample posters and flyers. A3 posters to be placed on both sides of the wooden doors at the back of the church and a poster to be sent to St Antony's.

Action: Canon Bernard

Sufficient flyers need to be photocopied and inserted into the newsletter for distribution at the weekend masses 18/19 Feb:

Action: Canon Bernard/Clare

A list of helpers was agreed:

Technology: Frank, Roger and David

Introducing the material each week: Canon Bernard, Chris, Frank and David

Refreshments: Gill, Chris, Jane (and others to be asked as required)

Tea/coffee from the kitchen; Gill to bring milk; G, CJ to bring cakes/ biscuits.

Setting up: All

Table near door for name labels and felt pens (Canon Bernard to provide)

▫ **Diary of Lenten activities**

Canon Bernard has received one suggestion so far.

CAFOD style Stations of the Cross to be held on Sunday March 4th at 5.30 pm following the Confirmation class.

Conventional Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday March 2nd at 12.00 noon (prior to CAFOD Hunger Lunch at 12.30 pm)

Penitential services will be held on Thursday March 22nd at 12.30 and 7.00

▫ **CAFOD activities**

Hunger Lunches: 3 to be held during Lent. Friday March 2nd (also CAFOD Friday Family Fast day), Thursday 15th March (preceded by mass at 12.00 noon), and Tuesday 3rd April (preceded by Exposition at 12.00). Soup, bread and cheese will be served in the Presbytery.

Pancake Supper: This will be held as previously on Shrove Tuesday February 21st after evening mass.

David reminded the meeting that any money raised for CAFOD during Lent will be matched £1 for £1 by the Government. The theme this year for CAFOD fundraising is 'water'.

▫ **Food Bank**

Canon Bernard intends to launch this after CAFOD Family Fast day. He would like to involve the children/youth in devising a workable method for collecting the food and potentially offering it during mass. A leaflet explaining the scheme will go out in the newsletter. The launch date to be added to the Diary of Lenten activities. **Action: Canon Bernard**

Parish Pilgrimage

This will be a one-day retreat to Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 12th May. Coach/es will leave the Sacred Heart at 9.00 am returning at about 6.00pm

A programme for the day needs to be devised. An outline will be published so that parishioners have some idea of what will happen. In

summary this would be: Welcome on arrival, mass, lunch, activities in different groups, Benediction, depart. Canon Bernard wants to wait until we have a clearer idea of who is coming, before planning a programme of activities.

Frank will ask St Anthony's for ideas and also clarify possibilities for lunch.

Who will book the coach/es?

Action: Frank

b) Continuing relationship with St Anthony's

Canon Bernard will send them a copy of our Lenten Diary and poster/ flyers for the course. Frank has offered spaces on our pilgrimage.

Action: Frank/Canon Bernard

C) Support for Young People of the Parish

Canon Bernard reported that the Confirmation group is going well. The young people have been told that there will be a social event to mark the end of the course. It will be up to them to suggest follow-up events that they might like. The catechists are willing to get involved in further support/events. A few of the young people volunteer with the Children's Liturgy groups. Could the youth take on the organisation of the food bank?

6. A.O.B.

- Support for the Newman Hall club. We are waiting to hear from them
- Representatives from the PPC needed to attend Bristol North West Deanery Pastoral Council meetings. Canon Bernard attends routinely and will be joined this week by Roger and David. Jacek would like to attend in the future.
- Parish Event Sunday 24th June. Jake to contact David Culley for information and support regarding organising this event. Jacek and Gill will also be involved. There will be one mass that weekend held out of doors weather permitting. A BBQ will be arranged as before.
- Pentecost Sunday 27th May. Clifton Catholic Charismatic Renewal group want to hold an event at Sacred Heart Church the day before on Saturday 26th May in the afternoon and evening. Frank suggested that we could offer the use of the Presbytery and serve refreshments for them in their break times.
- Support and help for the elderly in the Parish. Frank reported from a meeting of CTWA where great concern was expressed about the large number of elderly people in our area. Apparently Henleaze has the largest number of carers (and hence elderly people) in the whole of the City. There is a huge requirement for transport to and from appointments etc. St Monica's could use their minibus more often if

they had more volunteers. CTWA is setting up a group to look at the needs of the elderly. Frank was seeking interested members of the PPC to get involved with this group. Chris volunteered.

Frank also reminded the group that we need to ensure that activities don't 'drop off' because the person who used to do them can't or doesn't do it any more. An example is sending Christmas cards to our elderly parishioners in Residential Homes and the housebound. Kevin Gummett did this loyally for many years.

- Jacek asked about the website. Canon Bernard reported that the content has been approved. We are sharing a programmer with the Cathedral who are footing most of the bill so the timing of the launch has been affected by this. However, it's almost ready to go and is looking very good.

7. Date of next meeting:

Sunday April 22nd at 7.30 pm

8. Closing prayer.

Canon Bernard closed with prayers.