

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting Sunday 12th January 2014

Present: Sacred Heart

Mgr Bernard Massey, Frank Tothill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), Christine Cronin, David Gabriel, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner.

St Antony's, Henbury

Sue King, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers including a Hail Mary.

2 Apologies for absence

Petronella Mason, Roger Mason.

3 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 20th October 2013

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters arising

a) Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric

- This group had met on 6th December – the next meeting is planned for 7th February.
- Mgr Bernard advised that a further £2,250 had been received towards the Building Fund Appeal.
- Bernard Thomas expressed a wish to join this Committee.

Catechetical

- This group have yet to meet.
- The 1st Holy Communion programme has started with 25 children – 1st Holy Communion Service scheduled for Saturday 7th June.
- There are currently 12 candidates for Confirmation – Confirmation Service scheduled for Friday 20th June.

Liturgy

- This group had met on 12th December – the next meeting is planned for 15th January.
- Noted that welcomers at the Christmas Eve Service at the Sacred Heart had worn sashes.
- Comparative numbers for the Christmas Services:

	2012	2013
Christmas Eve St Antony's:	191	171
Christmas Eve Sacred Heart	325	414
Christmas Midnight Sacred Heart	136	138
Christmas Morning Sacred Heart	195	168
Christmas Morning St Antony's	42	63

Social

- This group had met on 12th December and 6th January – it was noted more volunteers were needed – possibly recruit at social event on 14th February.

- 2 events planned: Social Evening Getting to Know You on 14th February and Family Day on June 29th.

b) Recruitment of Altar Servers/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Servers

- It was noted that more Altar Servers are needed for the 11.15 am Sunday Mass
- Training is needed and it was agreed to set up a brief introductory session

Readers

- Kathy Lawson has agreed to run a course – possible dates awaited

Eucharistic Ministers

- Recruitment needed – agreed to use personal approach as well as notice in the Newsletter
- Noted that Ministers also required to take Communion to the sick and housebound
- Training needed

c) Trip Hazard at Sacred Heart car park entrance

- This has been repaired
- St Antony's reported that the grid at the church entrance had also been repaired
- Discussions regarding possible grant from BIFFA are ongoing

d) Inventories for both Churches and Halls

- Plans in hand to take photographs at St Antony's in the next 2 weeks – this would be used as a model for Sacred Heart.

e) Parishioner Data for both Churches

- Census to be taken after Easter 2014.
- Mgr Bernard is looking at possible formats for this census taking into consideration the information that is needed and ease of computer entry
- A letter had been received outlining concerns regarding parishioners unable to attend Mass for a prolonged period of time due to illness or other circumstances, especially those who live alone or have no family. Mgr Bernard advised that the list of housebound parishioners requesting Holy Communion was frequently updated. It was agreed to put a monthly notice in the Newsletter asking parishioners to notify the Parish Office if they (or anyone they know) are unable to come to Mass. It was agreed that Parishioner Data will be helpful in addressing these concerns.

f) Faith Talks – Autumn 2013

It was agreed that the 'Unlocking Vatican II' talks presented by David Culley had been very well received

g) Advent & Christmas 2013

It was noted that the Christmas Midnight Carols/Readings Service had not taken place

5 Future Programme

Preparation for Lent 2014 (Shrove Tuesday is 4th March and Ash Wednesday is 5th March)

Sacred Heart

- Agreed to run the CaFE Programme on Prayer (Strength to Strength) course of 6 sessions on Tuesday evenings commencing 25th February (week before

commencement of Lent as there would be no session on Shrove Tuesday due CAFOD Pancake Supper)

- On the Fridays where no CAFOD Hunger Lunch is planned (see below), it was agreed to have Rosary after morning Mass followed by coffee with DVD presentation of one of the 6 sessions from the CaFE Saints (Helping Us Today) course (duration 40 mins) – these dates would be 7th/21st March and 4th/11th April

St Antony's

- Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursdays at 7 pm commencing 6th March.

CAFOD

- Pancake Supper to be held at Sacred Heart on Shrove Tuesday evening.
- Two CAFOD Hunger Lunches planned for the Sacred Heart – 14th and 28th March – these to be preceded by either Mass or CAFOD Stations of the Cross.
- A possible third Hunger Lunch to be held at St Antony's on a Saturday morning.

AGM – 6th April 2014

- Agreed to ask Chairperson/Leader/President of the various parish groups to present short reports on year's activities and future events – drafts of these reports to be submitted to the PPC before the next meeting on 16th March. Jo to be asked to email groups as follows: Action: Jane/Jo

- *Fabric and Finance Committee to include end of year accounts*
- *Catechetical Committee to include Journey in Faith, Men's Prayer Group, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Catechesis*
- *Liturgy Committee*
- *Social Committee to include St Wulstan's Lunch Club*
- *Union of Catholic Mothers; CAFOD; CTWA; St Antony's*

Sacred Heart Church 75th Anniversary

- The year of celebration to commence on 27th June 2014 and finish on 12th June 2015 – both dates being the Feast of the Sacred Heart
- Parishioners to be asked for ideas for possible events during this celebration year – these would be discussed at the forthcoming AGM
- The Sacred Heart Parish Booklet commemorating the first 50 years to be updated

6 Any Other Business

- a) Agreed that PPC notice in the Narthex needs updating – this would be done after the AGM
- b) Parishioners to be made aware of who to contact in the various Parish Groups (possibly have a named contact) – it was suggested parishioners contact Jo in the Admin Office
- c) Frank advised that Roger Mason would be standing down at the AGM
- d) CTWA – Frank advised that he would be attending the next meeting on 21st January at the United Reformed Church
- e) CAFOD – the International Lunch originally planned for Sunday 15th December will now take place at a later date to be arranged.
- f) The third in this series of four talks 'Exploring St Matthew's Gospel' given by John Huntriss will take place on 12th March.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Sunday, 16th March 2014, at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

8 Closing Prayer

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including the Glory Be.