

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 15th January 2012

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

In attendance: Kelvin O'Shea (Chair of the Newman Hall Club)

1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for Absence

Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling.

3 Support for the Newman Hall Club – talk by Kelvin O'Shea (Chair of the Club)

Kelvin O'Shea had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss how best the PPC could help with raising awareness of the Club and encouraging parishioners to become members. He gave a brief history of the Club and talked about the activities and facilities offered by the Club. After discussion, it was decided that Kelvin would put a plan together for approval by the Club Committee – this could include producing a flier, giving a talk, incorporating the diary of the Club functions in the Parish Newsletter and on the proposed Parish Website, with possibly a PPC member attending a future Club Committee meeting.

Action: Kelvin

O'Shea

4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 4th December were accepted.

5 Matters arising

Parish Safeguarding

- CRB checks are in hand.

Action:

Canon Bernard

- Request for replacement for Grainne as Parish Safeguarding Representative to be inserted in the Newsletter.

Action: Canon Bernard

Food Bank Scheme

This will be a Lent activity.

Action: Canon

Bernard

Training Course for Readers

A training course for Readers is in hand.

Action:

Canon Bernard

Diary of Lent 2012 activities

Canon Bernard would be producing a diary for parishioners outlining activities for Lent 2012.

Action: Canon Bernard

6 Priorities for 2012

Spiritual Development of the Parish

- CaFE Course
It was agreed to run the CaFE course 'Life to the Full' during Lent – this is a 5 week course and would be run on Wednesday evenings from 7.30–9.00 pm commencing 29th February (ending 28th March); tea/ coffee/cake would be served. Canon Bernard to order the necessary materials. **Action: Canon Bernard**
- Parish Pilgrimage
It was agreed to have a one day retreat which would be family orientated; the PPC decided upon Buckfast Abbey as a suitable venue and a provisional date was fixed of June 30th. Frank to contact Bernard Thomas at St Antony's who had arranged a parish outing to Buckfast Abbey last year. **Action: Frank**

Continuing Relationship with St Antony's

It was agreed to share our programme of Lenten events with Fr Michael Walsh and Bernard Thomas.

Action: Frank

Support for Young People of the Parish

- Little Church
This is proving very popular – it was decided to encourage parents to leave their children with the group leaders and return to Mass.
- Post Confirmation Group
The Confirmation course had started that afternoon and the candidates would be asked how they would like to progress post Confirmation.

It was agreed that the CaFE Saints course could be offered as a possible post Confirmation course.

7 Any Other Business

Housebound Parishioners

As Kevin Gummett would no longer be sending Christmas cards to housebound parishioners on behalf of the parish it was decided that possibly Little Church could make cards to be sent out.

It was agreed that responsibility for contacting housebound parishioners would be:

- Frank for those parishioners in nursing homes
Action: Frank
- Roger for those parishioners not in nursing homes
Action: Roger

CAFOD

- Lenten Hunger Lunches to be held on the Fridays of Lent)
Action: David
- Pancake Supper to be on Shrove Tuesday)

Treasurer of the Newman Hall

It was noted that Jo Savery would be taking over this post from Pat Murrell.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Sunday, 12th February, at 7.30 pm.

9 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.