

# Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council

## Minutes of Meeting Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Present: Sacred Heart**

Mgr Bernard Massey (Acting Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), Christine Cronin, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner.

**St Antony's, Henbury**

Sue King, Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

**1 Opening prayer**

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers including the Our Father.

**2 Apologies for absence**

David Gabriel, Roger Mason, Frank Tothill.

**3 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

**4 Matters arising**

a) Reports from Parish Committees

*Finance & Fabric*

- This group had met on 7<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- Currently working towards producing a budget for the coming year.
- A 'Christian Stewardship' leaflet had been handed out that weekend containing an appeal regarding weekly contributions: asking parishioners to give serious consideration to increasing their level of giving to the parish.
- Feedback to the appeal had been very positive and about 100 Gift Aid forms had been handed out.

*Catechetical*

- This group had met on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- As part of the Lent Programme: the CaFE course on Prayer had started on 11<sup>th</sup> March and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- Training courses would be held for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.
- There were 26 children on the First Holy Communion programme and 16 Confirmation Candidates (who had been enrolled that weekend).

*Liturgy*

- This group had met on 15<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Lent Programme had been well received – parishioners found it helpful with a variety of different activities.
- Little Church was growing in numbers – there were plans for creating extra space by extending the Presbytery.
- Parishioners to be asked at the forthcoming AGM for suggestions for events to celebrate the Sacred Heart 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

*Social*

- The Social Evening 'Getting to Know You' held on 14<sup>th</sup> February had been very successful – a profit of £500 had been made: perhaps have a Bring & Share type American Supper next time.
- A Parish Family Day was planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – BYO refreshments: query whether Newman Hall booked. Action: Jane/Jo

b) Recruitment of Altar Servers/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Little Church Helpers

An appeal for volunteers (as above) was also contained in the 'Christian Stewardship' leaflet handed out at the weekend.

- c) Inventories for both Churches and Halls
- Mgr Bernard reported that a comprehensive inventory for both the Church and Hall at St Antony's had been carried out – this was mostly photographic.
  - A similar exercise was being carried out at the Sacred Heart.
- Action: Mgr Bernard/Jo
- d) Parishioner Data for both Churches
- Mgr Bernard is researching possible program taking into consideration the information that is needed and ease of computer entry. Action: Mgr Bernard
- e) Current Lent Programme
- The current Lent Programme was thought to be very comprehensive.
  - Mgr Bernard hoped that next year different groups would sponsor various activities.
  - Maybe next year include more evening Confession and Exposition.

## 5 **Annual General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014: the change of date was noted**

### *Format of the AGM*

- New date had been agreed with Chris Torpy (Newman Hall Manager).
- Teas to be served at 4.00 pm with meeting commencing at 4.30 pm.
- Hall to be cleared by 7.00 pm (as suggested by Chris Torpy).

### *Reports for the AGM*

- To date 11 short reports had been received – Social and Finance & Fabric still to come.
- Suggested that Little Church also be asked for a report. Action: Jane/Jo

### *Election of PPC Members*

- Noted that Petronella Mason and Roger Mason would be standing down.
- Parishioners wishing to join the PPC to be asked to contact Mgr Bernard or Frank Tothill or Bernard Thomas – notice to be put in newsletter. Action: Jane

### *Catering Arrangements*

- These are in hand – Jon Wilson is organising the refreshments.

### *Other*

- Suggested that children be looked after in another room as last year while the actual meeting is taking place – contact Louise or Niki or Judith. Action: Jane/Jo
- Agreed that items for the AGM (Agenda, Minutes of 2013 AGM, Reports, Parish Mission Statement etc) be reproduced as a leaflet to be handed out to parishioners. Action: Mgr Bernard
- Parish Accounts would probably need to be on separate sheet.

## 6 **Future Programme**

### *Sacred Heart Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

- The year of celebration to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and finish on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – both dates being the Feast of the Sacred Heart.
- Parishioners to be asked at the forthcoming AGM for ideas for possible events during this celebration year.
- Parish Groups also to be asked to consider ideas.
- Suggestions: Flower Festival; Display from Little Church.

## 7 **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## 8 **Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014, at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery..

## 9 **Closing Prayer**

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