

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 17th April 2016

Present: Priest of the Parishes

Mgr Bernard Massey

Sacred Heart

Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Chris Menzies (Chair), Fiona McDonald, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner.

St Antony's

Petronella Mason.

1 Opening Prayer

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

2 Apologies for absence

Elaine Coulthard, Fr Rupert, Frank Tothill.

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 7th February 2016

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric: this group had met on Friday 15th April.

Finances

- The budget for the year had been agreed.

Newman Hall Flat

- The Sacred Heart Parish to make a loan of £10,000 to the Newman Hall to cover the majority of the work necessary to make the flat habitable – this loan to be paid back from future profits.
- The flat to be let at a reduced rent (about £15 per day) through either Bristol City Council or a charity.
- Lettings to be restricted to 6 or 12 months.
- Initial trial period of 1 or 2 years.

Catechetical: it has been decided to merge the Catechetical Group with the Liturgy Group – the next meeting is scheduled for 25th May.

- Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family entitled 'Amoris Laetitia' (The Joy of Love) is available from CTS from 21st April – this could possibly form the basis for future discussion sessions.
- CaFE & Bible Society 12 week course 'The Big Picture' to be considered for use in possible Bible Study Group – noted that this Bible course with DVD can also be run over 2 x 6 week sessions.

Liturgy: this group had met on 23rd March and the next meeting is scheduled for 25th May.

Ministry of Welcome

- A copy of the Welcome leaflet to be given to each of the Confirmation candidates.

Jane

Lent

- The 4 week Lent course had been quite well attended: the material was thought provoking, prayerful and useful.
- The Lenten Programmes had been very well received.

Celebration of Ministries

- This would be held on Sunday 1st May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker) to celebrate the ministries of all who work and minister in the service of God.

First Holy Communion

- The First Holy Communion group had decorated the Confessional Door with 'forgiveness' flowers following their First Confession.

Social: this group had met on 10th March and the next meeting is scheduled for 5th May.

Children's Party on 31st January

Race Night with Fish & Chip Supper on 19th February

- Both these events had been very successful and it was agreed to repeat them next year.

'Getting to know you' Meal on 16th April

- This had taken place the previous evening and had been a very enjoyable occasion.

1st May: Parish Pilgrimage to Prinknash Abbey

- A 53 seater coach has been booked with Arnold Liddell.
- Tickets to be £7 per head or £20 for family of 4.
- Coach to leave Sacred Heart at 11.30 am returning at about 5 pm.

1st July: Children's Disco

- This to be held in Newman Hall for primary school children.

11th September: Family Picnic

- To be held at Newman Hall

5 Pastoral Plan for our Parishes

Minutes of PPC Meeting held 6th March

- These were accepted and signed as a true record.

Prayer Flyer

The draft Prayer Flyer was discussed and it was agreed to:

- Rewrite the text on Page 2 – possibly using bullet points. Jacek
- Add in: '..... completed forms/comments can be left in the box at the back of either Sacred Heart or St Antony's, or left with the Parish Office'.
- Produce the questions on Page 3 in smaller format – possibly leaving spaces under each question for comments.
- Rewrite the headings on Page 4 in 'plainer English'.
- Add a box for 'Any Other Comments' (or these could be written on a separate sheet if preferred).

6 St Antony's – Points/Issues

- Noted that Leone Hayward has stepped down from the PPC.
- Petronella advised that she would be stepping down from the PPC shortly.
- Noted that Bernard Thomas will be rejoining the PPC until replacements can be found.

7 Annual General Meeting – 22nd May

- Tea would now be served at 3 pm with the meeting commencing at 3.15 pm.
- All paperwork relating to the meeting (Minutes/Reports/Accounts) to be available for parishioners to collect from the back of the church the week before – this information to be put in the Newsletter. Jane
- Parishioners to be invited to submit any questions or points they wish to raise to Chris by email before the meeting – this also to be put in the Newsletter. Jane

8 Any Other Business

- The recent appeal in aid of Syrian refugees raised nearly £1500.
- Agreed that the concept of the Christian Listener Training course 'Just Listen' run by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation be raised at the forthcoming AGM.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 19th June 2016.

10 Closing Prayer

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with the Our Father.