

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 18th November 2012

Present: Sacred Heart

Canon Bernard Massey, Frank Tothill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Roger Mason, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla.

St Antony's, Henbury

Sue King, Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening Prayer

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

2 Apologies for Absence

Anna Bonacorsi, Gill Preisner, Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling.

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 8th July 2012

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held 8th July 2012 were accepted and signed.

4 Matters arising

Parish Website

Canon Bernard reported that the Sacred Heart website was proving popular with 2800 hits to date. He advised that inputting www.st-antony's-church.co.uk goes straight to the Sacred Heart website.

Needs of the elderly

CTWA group

No progress reported – Frank and Chris to liaise on this.

Action: Frank/Chris

Christmas cards for housebound parishioners

Frank agreed to take on this task but would need an up to date list. Bernard agreed to look at the list of St Antony's sick and housebound parishioners.

Action: Frank/Bernard

Safeguarding

Sacred Heart

There are 2 Safeguarding Reps and it was reported that all records have been checked and are up to date.

St Antony's

All records are up to date with just a couple still needing to be checked.

It was noted that the new ISA is due to take effect soon.

5 Merger of Sacred Heart and St Antony's parishes – review

Canon Bernard reported that the merger had gone well with no major problems and there had been much good will from both parishes. However, there was a sense of not knowing what can/cannot be done at the new church; Bernard to get together with Canon Bernard with the St Antony's organisational charts.

Action: Bernard/Canon Bernard

6 Priorities for 2012

Spiritual Development of the Parish

- Canon Bernard advised that 8 people were attending the 'Journey in Faith' course with a further 3 having expressed an interest.
- 'Doorway to Faith' booklet – it was agreed that this had been favourably received; all copies had been taken up.
- It was noted that Children's Liturgy will soon be starting again at St Antony's at the Saturday evening Mass.
- Canon Bernard advised that next year's First Holy Communion programme will be starting on Saturday 12th January 2013. A First Holy Communion Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart on June 8th 2013 with a date for St Antony's to be arranged. So far 2 catechists have volunteered to help with the programme.

Support for Young People of the Parish

It was reported that the Sacred Heart Post Confirmation Group had met for a film viewing and that another event was planned. Bernard advised that he takes a similar group from St Antony's mountain climbing. It was agreed that Jake contact Bernard with a view to arranging a joint activity for the young people of the parishes. **Action: Jake/Bernard**

7 Advent 2012

David reported that CAFOD will be holding an Advent Hunger Lunch on Friday 7th December at 12 noon.

It was noted that St Antony's will not be holding their annual Christmas Fair this year.

Sue reported on the proposed *Evening with Dickens* – a dramatic rendition of 'A Christmas Carol' to be given by Richard Posner on Saturday 15th December at 8 pm in the Newman Hall; tickets to be on sale after all weekend Masses and Sue will be liaising with Chris Torpy to finalise arrangements. Help may be needed with setting out/stacking chairs and with refreshments etc. **Action: Sue**

Services

- Deanery Service at St Teresa's, Filton, on Tuesday 11th December at 7 pm.
- Christingle Service at Sacred Heart on 16th December at 3 pm
- Reconciliation Services followed by Mass:
 - St Antony's on Tuesday 18th December at 12 noon
 - Sacred Heart on Wednesday 19th December at 7 pm

8 Christmas 2012

Canon Bernard advised that Christmas Mass times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve -	Children's Christmas Mass at 4.30 pm at St Antony's Children's Christmas Mass at 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart Mass of Christmas Night at 11.00 pm at Sacred Heart
Christmas Day -	Mass of Christmas Morning at 9.15 am at Sacred Heart Mass of Christmas Day at 11.15 am at St Antony's

It was agreed that stewards would be on hand for the two Children's Masses on Christmas Eve.

9 Joint Parishes AGM

This will be held on Sunday 3rd February 2013 in the Newman Hall at 4.00 pm and will be attended by Bishop Declan – cream teas will be provided.

It was noted that Terry Quadling had expressed his wish to stand down from the PPC.

10 Any Other Business

New Parish Contact for APF

Canon Bernard advised that Anne Marshall would be taking over from Michael Corrigan who is stepping down.

Part time Secretary

Canon Bernard advised that he will be taking on a Secretary for 3 hours per day 4 days per week (Tuesday to Friday) in the New Year.

Newsletter

Canon Bernard said he wished to change the format of the Newsletter and produced a draft showing the new layout – all present were in favour.

Garden Maintenance at St Antony's

Bernard raised the question of garden maintenance at St Antony's to which Canon Bernard replied that the new tenant in the Presbytery will be responsible for the grass. The site is being redeveloped and cleared with space to be made available for parking.

Lent

It was suggested that a CaFE course be run during Lent 2013 – this would be discussed at the meeting in January.

Thanks

Bernard thanked Frank for his input at the Remembrance Day Service in Westbury on Trym.

Year of Faith

Bernard asked whether the Year of Faith could be promoted at the end of weekend Masses.

11 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to set dates for 2 meetings:

- Sunday 6th January 2013 to plan for Lent
- Sunday 20th January 2013 to plan for the AGM and the visit by Bishop Declan

12 Closing Prayer

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