

**Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Present: Priests of the Parishes**

Mgr Bernard Massey  
Father Rupert Allen

**Sacred Heart**

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

**St Antony's**

No representative.

**1 Opening Prayer**

Fr Rupert opened the meeting with prayers including the Our Father.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Fiona McDonald, Petronella Mason.

**3 Appointment of Chair and Secretary**

Chris Menzies was re-elected as Chair and Jane Dyer as Secretary.

**4 Feedback from AGM held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016**

- The cream tea was very good and much enjoyed.
- The timing of the meeting went well.
- Giving out relevant information to parishioners in advance of the meeting was a good idea – 250 copies of all the relevant paperwork had been handed out the previous weekend.
- It had been noted that the CTWA group was currently in abeyance and several suggestions had been put forward regarding working with other churches in the area.

**5 Minutes of previous Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

**6 Matters Arising**

Reports from Parish Committees

**Finance & Fabric:** there was nothing to report

**Liturgy & Catechetical:** this group had met on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the next meeting is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> July.

*First Holy Communion*

- 30 children had made their First Holy Communion on 11<sup>th</sup> June and had received their certificates at the 9.15 Mass that morning.

*Confirmation*

- 27 young people had been confirmed on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Both occasions had been very enjoyable and successful, and had been followed by a social gathering.

**Social:** this group had met on 5<sup>th</sup> May and the next meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*1<sup>st</sup> May: Parish Pilgrimage to Prinknash Abbey*

- This had been a successful pilgrimage with about 40 parishioners going.

*1<sup>st</sup> July: Children's Disco – to be held in Newman Hall*

- Kidstime has been booked.
- Tickets at £3 per head are on sale after weekend Masses or from Parish Office.

*11<sup>th</sup> September: Family Picnic*

- To be held at Newman Hall

It was noted that dates for proposed Parish events at the Newman Hall had been booked for 2017.

## **7 Pastoral Plan for our Parishes**

*Prayer Flyer*

- 13 completed Prayer Flyers had been received.

*Parish Prayer*

- The Parish Prayer written by Mgr Bernard was agreed – this would now be laminated and given out to parishioners.

*Bible Study Course*

- Agreed to consider running the CaFE & Bible Society 12 week course 'The Big Picture' in the autumn.
- Decided that best way forward would be to engage with parishioners after weekend Masses early in September and then hold an initial meeting for those interested to plan how and where to run the course. Chris, Jacek and Frank to be available after Masses as follows: Chris at 6.00 on 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Jacek at 9.15 on 11 September; Frank at 11.15 on 11 September. Chris, Jacek, Frank

*Christian Listener Training course 'Just Listen'*

- Agreed to consider running this course early in 2017.
- Need to establish the level of interest – this to be done in the autumn.

*Prayer Time*

- Decided to hold a time of prayer at 10.45am for 10 minutes in the Lady Chapel on the first Sunday of each month beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The focus of the prayers to be the health and wellbeing of our Parishes.
- Jacek agreed to lead the first session, if he was available. Jacek
- Notice to go in the newsletter. Jane

*Women's Prayer Group*

- Consider setting up a Women's Prayer Group similar to the existing Men's Prayer Group.

## **8 Diocesan Gathering 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

As part of the Diocesan celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy, Fr Richard Leonard SJ had been invited to make a week's tour of the Diocese, speaking at various venues. The week had culminated in the Diocesan Gathering held at St Brendan's when the theme for the day was 'We follow Christ, hearing his call'. Those members who had attended had found the day very interesting and inspiring. Fr Richard's book 'Where the Hell is God' was recommended as making for thought provoking reading.

**9 Alpha in a Catholic Context 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

- Consideration to be given to running an Alpha course as part of our Pastoral Plan – possibly to form part of revisiting our faith and adult formation.
- Noted that guidance is available to help with setting up if it was decided to run such a course.

**10 St Antony's – Points/Issues**

No issues were raised.

**11 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

**13 Closing Prayer**

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with the new Parish Prayer.