

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 20th October 2013

Present: Sacred Heart

Mgr Bernard Massey, Frank Tohill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), Christine Cronin, David Gabriel, Chris Menzies, Gill Preisner.

St Antony's, Henbury

Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

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

2 Apologies for absence

Sue King, Roger Mason, Jacek Miotla.

3 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 8th September 2013

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters arising

a) Building Fund Appeal

It was noted that about £18,000 had been raised to date (including Gift Aid).

b) Parish Groups/Committees

Mgr Bernard had prepared a leaflet outlining the structure of the Parish Groups and asking for volunteers to serve on them. This had been handed out to parishioners and the following names had been received:

Finance & Fabric

Yvonne Barbaszynska, Gerry Calderbank, Stuart Craddy, Ian Crawford, Christine Cronin, Sam Hawke, Graham Stephens, Alan White.

Catechetical

Mary Crawford, David Culley, David Gabriel, Petronella Mason.

(More volunteers were needed for this group especially to represent First Communion and Little Church)

Liturgy

Jane Dyer, Roger Mason, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Pat Parry, Ann Reader.

Social

Gill Preisner, Clare Torrible, Jon Wilson.

(More volunteers were needed for this group)

It was clarified that Catholic Social Teaching comes under the Catechetical Committee and not the Social Committee.

Mgr Bernard would be asking Jo (Parish Administrator) to contact all members to arrange suitable dates for initial meetings of each group. **Action Mgr Bernard**

- c) PPC Mission Statement
The alteration from 'are' to 'form' in the first sentence was noted. This now reads:
'Our two parishes form a worshipping, caring community, centred on Christ.'
- d) Recruitment of Altar Servers/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers
- St Antony's have recruited 3 more Altar Servers
 - Sacred Heart need to recruit for all these Ministries – an up to date rota is being prepared to see what is required
 - Training will be needed
- e) Trip Hazard at Sacred Heart car park entrance
This will come under the responsibility of the Finance & Fabric Committee. Stuart Craddy has applied to the Utility Companies for details of the cables/pipes etc situated underground in the car park entrance – cost to be approx £380.

A quote to carry out the work necessary to remedy the trip hazard has been received in the sum of approx £5000. Mgr Bernard advised that it may be possible to get a grant from BIFFA as the car park entrance also serves the Newman Hall.

The earliest date for work to commence would be Spring 2014 – it was suggested that in the meantime the hazard be painted white to act as a warning.
Action: Mgr Bernard
- f) Inventories for both Churches and Halls
No progress had been made to date. It was suggested that one way of keeping inventories might be to take photos - with copies being kept centrally and off site.
- g) Parishioner Data for both Churches
- Census to be taken possibly after Easter 2014.
 - Format for this census to be prepared taking into consideration the information that is needed and ease of computer entry

5 Future Programme

- a) Faith Talks – Autumn 2013
- Posters are on display in both churches
 - Flyers are ready and will be handed out next weekend
 - Notice plus logo is in the bulletin and will be altered to indicate titles of talks as necessary
 - PPC members will be available to set up the room and serve refreshments
 - 3 PPC members volunteered to read out the piece prepared by David Culley after Masses the weekend before the first talk (i.e. 9/10 November):
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| 6.00 pm Mass at St Antony's | Petronella |
| 9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart | Christine |
| 11.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart | Chris |
- b) Advent & Christmas 2013
- Penitential Services:* a service to be held at lunchtime at St Antony's and in the evening at Sacred Heart – date to be arranged.
Action: Mgr Bernard

Advent: Mgr Bernard advised he would be involving the children more during Advent. Action: Mgr Bernard

CAFOD: David proposed:

- a) having the CAFOD Stations of the Cross during the Advent season Action: David

- b) holding a CAFOD International Lunch after Mass on one of the Advent Sundays – he would contact Chris Torpy regarding the availability of the Newman Hall Action: David

Christmas Mass times: Mgr Bernard advised the times for Christmas Masses as follows:

Christmas Eve:	4.30 pm at St Antony's 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart
Christmas Night:	11.00 pm at Sacred Heart
Christmas Day:	9.15 am at Sacred Heart 11.15 am at St Antony's

It was agreed to compare numbers at these services 2012 with 2013 in order to plan for 2014.

6 Any Other Business

- a) Chris raised the problems experienced by some parishioners regarding the acoustics in the Sacred Heart and the quality of the readers. It was agreed that training needed to be given to readers.

Mgr Bernard advised that he hoped to purchase a new microphone possibly next year (the current clip-on one would then be used at St Antony's). He advised that the volume has been turned up which hopefully would help alleviate the problems with the acoustics. Action: Mgr Bernard

- b) Mgr Bernard advised that as attendance at weekday Mass was down by 40% (due timings and location) he proposed holding only one weekday Mass at St Antony's. New weekday Mass times would therefore be:

Tuesday evening 7.00 pm	Sacred Heart
Wednesday morning 9.15 am	St Antony's
Thursday morning 9.15 am	Sacred Heart

Friday and Saturday morning 9.15 am Masses at Sacred Heart to remain the same.

These changes would commence at the beginning of November. Action: Mgr Bernard

7 Date of Next Meeting

Sunday, 12th January 2014, at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

8 Closing Prayer

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.