

**Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

**Present: Sacred Heart**

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

**St Antony's, Henbury**

Bernard Thomas.

**1 Opening prayer**

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

**2 Apologies for absence**

Sue King, Petronella Mason.

**3 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013**

These were accepted as a true record.

**4 Matters arising**

a) Alterations to the Sanctuary at Sacred Heart Church

These were now complete and it was agreed that the area had benefitted greatly from the changes.

It was noted that the Sanctuary lamp had been changed from red to clear (as laid down by the Diocesan Liturgy Committee) and it was agreed that this same change be implemented at St Antony's. Action: Bernard

It was agreed that more discussion/explanation/consultation/involvement by the Parish before the commencement of these alterations would have been a good idea.

b) Mgr Bernard's Silver Jubilee Celebrations

It was agreed that these had been a great success and much enjoyed by all who attended – thanks were expressed to Jo Savery for all her work.

c) Working groups

It was agreed to review the setting up of working groups and Mgr Bernard proposed that 4 groups be considered:

- Finance
- Social
- Sacramental (catechetical)
- Liturgical

The structure of these groups would need to be defined as follows:

- Terms of reference
- Frequency of meetings
- Number of members
- Minutes of meetings

It was agreed that CAFOD be kept as a separate group; but that other groups, such as Rosary, Prayer and Mission, be included in the proposed groups.

PPC Members were asked to consider the proposals regarding the setting-up of these four groups, and to put forward ideas/suggestions/drafts over the next few weeks so that the formation of the proposed groups, together with their structure, could be agreed and implemented at the next meeting. **Action: PPC members**

d) Building Fund Appeal

- Mgr Bernard advised that the cost of the alterations to the Sanctuary had considerably overrun due to unforeseen work needing to be carried out;
- He advised that current reserves stood at around £95,000 following the alterations to the Sanctuary;
- The building fund appeal is to help cover the additional costs of the alterations to the Sanctuary and also to help with the costs of the proposed alterations to the Narthex;
- The building fund is progressing satisfactorily but Mgr Bernard agreed to clarify to parishioners the points made in his recent note launching the appeal:
  - i) What the money is for;
  - ii) Parishioners are asked to give what they can with no obligation – the £125 mentioned is an average donation per family;
- It was suggested that parishioners could donate by means of a monthly planned giving scheme.

**Action: Mgr Bernard**

## 5 **Future Programme**

a) Parish Picnic 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013

This would be informal and parishioners attending would be bringing their own food and games. In the event of wet weather, the picnic would be held in the Newman Hall.

b) Faith Talks – Autumn 2013

- David Culley will be giving talks on the Vatican II documents on Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. Advance notice to be put in the newsletter. **Action: Jane/David Culley**
- Possible talk on St Stephen and St Thomas to be arranged for the Kerala Indian Community at St Antony's. Bernard to contact speaker to arrange possible dates for early 2014 (around 14<sup>th</sup> January). **Action: Bernard**

c) Alterations to the Narthex at the Sacred Heart Church

It was agreed that the proposed alterations to the Narthex be put on hold for the time being so as to explore alternative ways of achieving a brighter and more welcoming area at less cost. Design options and costings would be put to the Parish for consultation and feedback. **Action: Mgr Bernard/Frank**

d) Any other building work required at Sacred Heart Church

It was noted that:

- the boiler is in excellent condition and does not need replacing;
- the dehumidifier is only in use during the winter months.

e) Sacred Heart Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2014

- It was agreed that a year of celebration commence on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and culminate on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 being the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

- Bernard said that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Antony's would also fall in 2014 but Mgr Bernard advised that the Diocesan Year Book showed that the Anniversary would actually be in 2017.

## 6 **Communication with Parish**

It was felt that the PPC had not been effective communicators during recent weeks – in the light of this it was agreed that the role of the PPC needs to be reconsidered and that the Mission Statement needs to be reviewed. Action: PPC members

It was suggested that although the Minutes of PPC meetings are posted on the website, perhaps a summary should be inserted in the newsletter.

It was agreed that notice of forthcoming PPC meetings be inserted in the newsletter for the three weeks beforehand to give parishioners the opportunity to contact PPC members or the Parish Office with any matters they wish to be discussed.

## 7 **Any Other Business**

- Mgr Bernard advised that the former Presbytery at St Antony's was now being let on a 6 month renewable lease at a rental of £900 per month
- Mgr Bernard advised that as from the autumn he would be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament once a month Action: Mgr Bernard
- It was noted that more Altar Servers were needed at St Antony's and that Readers and Eucharistic Ministers were needed at the Sacred Heart; it was decided to run a recruitment drive in September and notices would be put in the newsletter. Training would be given. Action: Mgr Bernard/Jane
- It was also agreed that a Health & Safety Officer was needed and a notice would be inserted in the newsletter to this effect. Action: Mgr Bernard/Jane
- Mgr Bernard advised that Bishop Declan would be on sabbatical from start August to end October – this would mean that as one of the two Vicars General in the Diocese he would be deputising for the Bishop when necessary.

## 8 **Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30 pm at the Sacred Heart (notice to be inserted in newsletter). Action: Jane

## 9 **Closing Prayer**

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including a Glory Be.