

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting

Sunday 21st September 2014

Present: **Priest of the Parishes**
Mgr Bernard Massey

Sacred Heart

Chris Menzies (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), Christine Cronin, David Gabriel, Fiona McDonald, Jacek Miotla, Frank Tohill.

St Antony's

Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

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

2 Apologies for absence

Sue King (St A's), Gill Preisner (SH).

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 27th July 2014

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters arising

a) From Minutes of previous Meeting

- Aide Memoire for Eucharistic Ministers regarding taking Communion to the sick to be prepared. **Action: Mgr Bernard**
- Following input of parishioner data, there is now a set of parish records – about 751 records with another 25/30 still to be input; names and addresses of parishioners are indicated on Google Maps for ease of locating.

b) Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric:

Repairs

- Work to replace the guttering on the car park side of the Sacred Heart Church will commence 22nd September and will cost £6,500: the scaffolding is already in place.

Flat above Newman Hall

- Noted that a meeting to discuss this subject is scheduled for this coming Friday.

Catechetical: this group had met on 2nd September – the next meeting is scheduled for 11th November.

The Joy of the Gospel

- Arrangements for the programme of 6 fortnightly talks commencing 23rd September had been finalised.
- Copies of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, were available to purchase at £5 each.

Catechists' Symposium

- To be held at St Bernadette's Primary School on Saturday, 20th September.

CAFOD

- Harvest Fast Day will be on Friday, 3rd October: members from the Confirmation Group will be speaking about this at Mass the weekend before (28th September).

- The latest campaign on Climate Change will be launched at the Cathedral on Saturday 20th September.

Training of Readers

- Mgr Bernard to arrange for Cathy Lawson to lead training of Readers.

Action: Mgr Bernard

Liturgy: this group had met on 10th September – the next meeting is scheduled for 3rd December.

Confirmation

- The Confirmation service on 20th June had been a great success.
- The Confirmation Group had met for the last time on 14th September when they were asked to complete a tick sheet with suggestions indicating how they might wish to be involved in the activities of the church

First Holy Communion

- The First Holy Communion service on 7th June had been a great success.

Little Church

- Little Church children had decorated the church for the 75th Anniversary.
- Little Church children to be involved at Harvest Mass (5th October) and Christ the King (Youth Sunday 23rd November).

Ministry of Welcome

- Chris and Jane had met on 17th September to consider the whole aspect of 'Welcome'; they would be looking at information available on this important topic and will be holding another meeting shortly.
- Possibly have a Workshop early next year.

Remembrance Sunday

- Mgr Bernard outlined his plan to display flags as well as a wreath – Union Jack, Belgium, French and German – to emphasise the sense of reconciliation during this WW1 anniversary year.
- Mgr Bernard informed the meeting that he would be attending the Memorial Service at Westbury-on-Trym.

November/Christmas

- Mgr Bernard outlined his plan to ask parishioners to purchase a poinsettia plant during the month of November – these plants would then be used to decorate the Sacred Heart church at Christmas: unfortunately the Sanctuary and window ledges at St Antony's are not suitable for this idea to be put into practice there.
- Parishioners would be asked to donate a set amount of £10 per plant and to write a message which would then be typed on a label and fixed to one of the plants.
- Some form of display units would need to be constructed to enable watering and maintenance.

Social: this group had not met.

c) Memorial Garden (Sacred Heart Church)

- Work will start on the Memorial Garden soon so that the turf is laid before the onset of winter
- Cost will be £8,500 – a significant portion of which will hopefully be covered by sale of plots in advance: noted that about 10 plots had been sold to date
- 2 forms were circulated: one outlining the 'Reservation of Plot for Cremated Remains' and the other outlining the 'Conditions of Purchase'
- Noted that the wall plaque is in perpetuity and emphasised that the plaque is to be of brass

5 Sacred Heart Church 75th Anniversary

20th September – Trip to Minehead

- 28 parishioner had gone on the day trip to Minehead which had been very enjoyable; cream teas had been provided by the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, Minehead, before Mass at 5pm.

15th October – Vigil of Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque: Exposition and Holy Hour at 7pm followed by a Curry Supper at 8pm

- An Order of Service for Holy Hour would be finalised at the forthcoming meeting of the 75th Anniversary Sub-Committee on 25th September
- Tick list was available in the Narthex for parishioners to indicate whether they would be attending the Curry Supper
- 2 catering firms were being considered for the provision of the curry
- Donations would be asked for on the evening – minimum donation £5
- The Newman Hall Bar would be open

6 Any Other Business

Diocesan Pastoral Council gathering Saturday 18th October

Details of this event were given together with outline plan for the day

Providing lifts to Sunday Mass

A request had been received from a parishioner regarding the possibility of the Sacred Heart providing lifts to Mass: it was noted that were the parish to become involved then all the drivers/helpers would need to be CRB checked; however, private arrangements could be made if desired. Perhaps this question should be part of the remit of the Ministry of Welcome.

Ministry of Welcome discussions Chris/Jane

Extension to Presbytery

It was agreed that the Finance & Fabric Committee would consider provision of an extension to the Presbytery in order to accommodate the growing numbers at Little Church: it was noted that such an extension could be used for a number of other purposes.

7 Date of Next Meetings

Sunday 30th November 2014 and Sunday 1st February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

8 Closing Prayer

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