

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 22nd April 2012

Present: Frank Tothill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Roger Mason, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner, Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling.

1 Opening Prayer

Frank opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for Absence

Canon Bernard Massey

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 12th February 2012

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held 12th February 2012 were accepted and signed.

4 Matters arising

- CRB procedures update

No report available

Action:

Canon Bernard

- Reader training

No further information

Action: Canon

Bernard

- CAFOD activities

David reported that the CAFOD activities held during Lent had been very well supported raising a total of £4415.62. This far exceeds the target of £3000 and will mean that CAFOD will receive funds of around £9500 when Government matched funding and Gift Aid are brought into account. David thanked the parish for their support and generosity.

David also reported that he had attended the 50th Anniversary of CAFOD at Westminster Cathedral; and also a Mass at St Teresa's to mark the retirement of Tony and Gill Vassallo who had represented CAFOD in the Clifton Diocese for over 20 years.

- Food Bank

It was noted that this scheme had started and was being well supported.

- Needs of the elderly: CTWA group

No progress had been made – it was suggested that a member of the UCM might be asked to join the group.

Action: Frank

- Parish Website

No report available

Action:

Canon Bernard

5 Priorities for 2012

a) Spiritual Development of the Parish

➤ Feedback on Lenten activities

The Diary of Events had been very helpful and much appreciated;

Stations of the Cross services had been very well attended;

Attendance at the Lent course 'Life to the Full' had been a bit disappointing – it was agreed not to hold any further course until the autumn.

➤ Parish Pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey on 12th May

Numbers signing up for this were a bit disappointing so far (25 booked) – a 51 seater coach was booked. Frank had produced a poster which would be displayed in the narthex alongside the forms for parishioners to sign. **Action: Frank**

b) Continuing Relationship with St Antony's

Frank had sent them details of the Parish Pilgrimage;

Several parishioners had attended the Divine Mercy service held at St Antony's recently.

c) Support for Young People of the Parish

➤ Post Confirmation Group

The Confirmation Candidates to be asked to come on the Parish Pilgrimage

Action: Canon Bernard/

Jane

Little Church was being very well supported – several of the Confirmation Group were helping with Little Church.

6 Any Other Business

- Support for the Newman Hall Club update
Nothing to report

- Parish Event

It was noted that the date for this had been changed to 10th June: Jake and Gill agreed to co-ordinate this event.

Action: Jake/Gill

7 Date of Next Meeting

Sunday, 20th May at 7.30 pm – this would be to discuss the Parish Event

8 Closing Prayer

Frank closed the meeting with prayers.