

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting Sunday 22nd March 2015

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

Sacred Heart

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

St Antony's

Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

Fiona McDonald (SH), Sue King, Petronella Mason (SA).

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 1st February 2015

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters arising

a) Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric: this group had met on 13th February and the next meeting is scheduled for 9th April.

Newman Hall Club

- Detailed discussions had taken place on issues relating to the Newman Hall Club – such as rates for hire and the need for a contract between the Newman Hall Club and the Parish.
- The level of rent for the Newman Hall Club will be decided at the next meeting.

Finances

- The budget for the coming year will be decided at the next meeting.

Repairs

- Work to repair the brickwork is progressing.

Alterations to Narthex at Sacred Heart

- Renovation work to improve the Narthex is progressing.

Catechetical: this group had met on 24th February.

Lent

- In preparation for the Autumn Synod of Bishops in Rome, two meetings have been arranged (21st and 24th March) to explore the relevance of Church teaching to the realities of modern family life: feedback to be given to the Diocese by Pentecost.
- Noted this is part of a process both for the church and our own parish community and the Catechetical group will be considering possible initiatives that might be taken arising from these discussions.

CAFOD

- The three Lenten Hunger Lunches had been very successful.
- The Lent target is £3500 and monies raised so far are just £20 short of £3000.

Liturgy: this group had met on 5th March and the next meeting is scheduled for 7th May.

Ministry of Welcome

- Chris and Jane have met and held discussions on two ideas:
 - a) Welcome leaflet – a draft has been produced and was shown to the meeting; photos will be taken for insertion in the leaflet.
 - b) Welcome workshops – to explore the ideas behind the Ministry of Welcome; proposed date for the first workshop is June 13th and a draft format is being prepared.

Proclaim 15 – Building Missionary Parishes

- This is 'a new initiative being launched by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to support, enthuse and equip parish evangelisation' – information on this to be put in the Newsletter.

Celebration of Ministries

- A query regarding re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers during the Maundy Thursday service had arisen – Mgr Bernard would like to have a Celebration of all Ministries to take place possibly during the weekend Masses at the close of the 75th Anniversary Year (13/14 June).

Action: Mgr Bernard

Social: a draft calendar of proposed events for 2015/2016 had been produced – information to be put in the Newsletter as appropriate:

2015

31st May AGM
14th June First Holy Communion Party
9th August Family Picnic
2nd October Social Event
20th December Christingle Service

2016

31st January Children's Party
16th April Parish Meal
22nd May AGM
19th June First Holy Communion Party
1st July Children's Disco
6th August Family Picnic
9th October American Lunch
18th November Quiz Night
18th December Christingle Service

b) Memorial Garden (Sacred Heart Church)

- The six ceramic poppies purchased by Mgr Bernard from last year's display at the Tower of London have arrived and will be put in the Memorial Garden.
- The blessing of the Memorial Garden will take place in May.

5 St Antony's – Points/Issues

- Agreed that the recent Film Night had been most enjoyable.
- The recent Hunger Lunch had been a success and had raised £217 for CAFOD.
- A draft calendar of proposed events for 2015 had been produced – information would be put in the Newsletter nearer the date:

6 th May	Quiz Event
19 th August	Visit to Belmont Abbey and (possibly) Gloucester Docks
9 th September	Candle display
10 th October	Harvest produce sale
21 st November	Christmas Fayre
6 th December	St Nicholas Day
17 th December	Carol Service with possible visit from St Bede's choir

6 Sacred Heart Church 75th Anniversary: this group had met on 12th February and the next meeting is scheduled for 26th March.

Friday 8th May: Mass celebrating Marriage at 7 pm followed by Strawberries and Fizz
Friday 12th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart): Mass at 7 pm followed by Parish Party

7 Annual General Meeting – 31st May 2015

- Jo has contacted the relevant people regarding Reports (word limit has been requested).
- Confirmed that the format will be as last year – cream teas to be served at 4 pm with the meeting following at 4.30 pm (Gill to liaise with Jon Wilson). **Action: Gill**
- For the sake of clarity, the three sets of accounts (Sacred Heart, St Antony's and Newman Hall) to be on separate sheets.

8 Any Other Business

Ride for Vocations

- From 21st April to 10th May, Fr Matt Anscombe will be cycling to every parish of the diocese to promote the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life: he will say the 6 pm Mass at St Antony's on 9th May and the 9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart on 10th May.

CTWA

- General Election Hustings with the candidates on Wednesday 29th April at 7 pm at Bradbury Hall, United Reformed Church.

Providing lifts to Mass for elderly and disabled parishioners

- This matter had been raised by a parishioner and discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Sacred Heart providing lifts to Mass on a rota basis.
- Consideration was given to the suggestion of setting up a Pastoral Team to provide this service, but it was felt this would involve a number of issues relating to CRB and Safeguarding – it was agreed that all parishioners have a responsibility to one another.
- The whole question of caring for each other is being considered as part of the remit of the Ministry of Welcome. **Action: Chris and Jane**

9 Dates of Next Meetings

Sunday 17th May at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery to discuss the forthcoming AGM.

Sunday 21st June at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

10 Closing Prayer

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