

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 7th February 2016

Present: Priest of the Parishes

Mgr Bernard Massey

Sacred Heart

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

St Antony's

Elaine Coulthard, Petronella Mason.

1 Opening Prayer

Chris opened the meeting with a reading from Ephesians and prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

Leone Hayward, Fiona McDonald, Fr Rupert.

3 Acorn Christian Healing Foundation

Chris welcomed Anne-Marie Sparrow to the meeting. Anne-Marie outlined the Christian Listener Training course 'Just Listen' which is run by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation. This course aims to meet 'God's challenge to listen in a noisy world' and offers foundational teaching on the value of listening to others, to God and to ourselves. The course is suitable for any who are interested in developing a listening attitude and Anne-Marie suggested that this Year of Mercy might be a good time to run it. Chris thanked her for coming to the meeting and explaining the purpose of the course: the PPC would be considering whether to use this as a training resource.

4 Minutes of previous Meeting held 22nd November 2015

These were accepted and signed as a true record subject to the following amendment:
The amount banked following the St Antony's Christmas Fayre was £704.22.

5 Matters Arising

Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric

Newman Hall Club

- Contract for the use of the building is still to be finalised.

Newman Hall Flat

- New windows and central heating to be installed at a cost of £7,500.
- New kitchen and bathroom to be installed and flat to be redecorated: this will be at no cost as the building firm, Kier, are doing the work for free.

Memorial Garden

- There is a serious problem with the grass exacerbated by recent heavy rain.

St Antony's

- Planned redecorations at St Antony's will cost £3,500.
- Noted that new kneelers are required.
- Current debt is £17,500 – reduce by £750 pm over 2 years.

Finances

- Noted that Sacred Heart, St Antony's and Newman Hall current accounts are in 'the black'.

Catechetical: this group had met on 26th January and the next meeting is scheduled for 12th April. (Noted that new members are needed)

Lenten Course: 'Merciful like the Father'

- A 4-session course to be held on Tuesday evenings: 16th Feb and 1st, 8th and 15th March: booklets were available.

Soup Run

- David Gabriel had taken part in a Soup Run with the Downend parish group in December.
- Agreed that Sacred Heart/St Antony's parish should be prepared to take on a day in the rota.
- Although there are currently no vacancies on the rota, volunteers to be asked for in preparation for future involvement.

CAFOD (meeting held 12th January)

- Target for Lent Campaign to be £4000.
- Lent Campaign to be launched with Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday.
- 3 Hunger Lunches are planned: 19th February and 4th March at Sacred Heart and 12th March at St Antony's – all to be preceded by Stations of the Cross or Mass.
- A second session on 'Laudato Si' will be held on 2nd February.
- Fairtrade stalls will be held on weekend 5th/6th March.

Liturgy: this group had met on 27th January and the next meeting is scheduled for 23rd March.

Parish Website

- The weekly Newsletter and Homily were now available on the parish website.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

- It is proposed to have a Parish Pilgrimage to Prinknash on Sunday 1st May.

Celebration of Ministries

- This would be held on Sunday 1st May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker) to celebrate the ministries of all who work and minister in the service of God.

Christmas

- Holding the Christingle service in the Newman Hall had worked well.
- Noted that overall attendance at Christmas Masses was up by about 100 on previous year.

Lent

- Lenten programmes for both adults and children had been produced.

First Holy Communion

- The First Holy Communion group to be asked to decorate the Confessional door (in time for their First Confession); also the windowsills for Pentecost.

Jane to ask Louise

Social: this group had met on 21st January and the next meeting is scheduled for 10th March.

Children's Party on 31st January

- This had been very successful with about 150 attending.

19th February: Race Night with Fish & Chip Supper 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

- Tickets to be £10 per head (£2 of this to go to CAFOD).
- 'Racing Pigs' to be borrowed from Fr Eugene.

- Bar to be open

16th April: 'Getting to know you' Meal

- Seating to be at one/two long tables with diners moving places between courses.
- Meal to consist of 3 courses.

1st July: Children's Disco

- Enquiries are being made regarding the hire of a Disco.

6 St Antony's – Points/Issues

- Request to ensure that Second Collections are mentioned in the Newsletter the week prior to the collections being taken.

7 Annual General Meeting – 22nd May

- Noted that the start time had been moved to 3pm to avoid conflicting time with the Confirmation session scheduled for that afternoon.
- Agreed that tea would be served after the meeting.

8 Any Other Business

- An appeal with retiring collection on behalf of Jesuit missions in aid of Syrian refugees to be made at weekend Masses 13/14 February (subsequently re-arranged for 5/6 March so as not to clash with CAFOD Lent Appeal).

A step towards creating a Pastoral Plan for our Parishes

Chris spoke of the need for the PPC to revisit the 'pastoral' side of their work. To this end she had prepared an outline based on the Diocesan guidelines 'Called to be a People of Hope'. Copies were distributed and members were asked to reflect on this and to bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th March 2016.

10 Closing Prayer

Chris closed the meeting with a further reading from Ephesians and prayers.