

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 8th July 2012

Present: Sacred Heart

Canon Bernard Massey, Frank Tohill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Roger Mason, Gill Preisner, Jake Preisner, Terry Quadling.

St Antony's, Henbury

Anna Bonacorsi, Sue King, Bernard Thomas.

Following the recent announcement regarding the forthcoming merger of Sacred Heart and St Antony's parishes, an invitation had been issued to St Antony's Pastoral Team to attend this meeting. A warm welcome was extended to those members present.

1 Opening Prayer

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

2 Apologies for Absence

Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla.

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 20th May 2012

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held 20th May 2012 were accepted and signed.

4 Matters arising

Parish Website

Canon Bernard reported that the Sacred Heart website was due to go live the following day (Monday 9th July). He had emailed the link to council members; fridge magnets giving the necessary details would be distributed to parishioners the following weekend.

Needs of the elderly

CTWA group – no progress reported

Action: Frank

Christmas cards for housebound parishioners – this would be discussed at a later date

5 Parish Event held 10th June - Feedback

This had been a successful event with a similar number of parishioners as the previous year – a few points were noted for any future such event:

- Consider different position for the altar as too far from the congregation;
- Reposition the seating for the congregation – semi-circle rather than straight;
- Sound system needed;
- Possibly have long tables in the Newman Hall instead of small groups;
- Rather a long gap between end of Mass and start of BBQ – perhaps have drinks available;
- Sign to be put on church door to ensure everyone knows of the arrangements for the single Mass.

6 Priorities for 2012

Continuing Relationship with St Antony's

Canon Bernard thanked the members of St Antony's Pastoral Team for attending the meeting and announced that he would be looking after both parishes when Fr Michael Walsh leaves: this will take effect on the first weekend in October. Canon Bernard said he proposed to hold one weekend Mass at St Antony's and two at Sacred Heart and that all Mass times currently obtaining would be changed. Canon Bernard said he wished to have a meeting with St Antony's parishioners before looking at the alterations that needed to be made and arranged to hold this on Tuesday 24th July at 7.30 pm. Following this meeting Canon Bernard said he would come to a final decision regarding Mass times and make an announcement accordingly: it was agreed that this needed to be done by the end of July if possible to enable parishioners to re-organise their weekend schedules.

It was agreed that there are many areas which will need to be considered, for example: the website; finances; children's liturgy; communion for the housebound; times of confession; name for the newly merged parishes. Canon Bernard said that as from October there will be one Pastoral Council serving both parishes.

Spiritual Development of the Parish

It was agreed not to hold a course in the autumn but to concentrate on the two parishes working together over the next few months – possibly consider a course in Lent 2013.

Support for Young People of the Parish

The Post Confirmation group had been 10 pin bowling – they would like to get together in the autumn to watch films. Action: Jake

7 Any Other Business

- St Antony's Pastoral Team meeting on 18th July
- CAFOD would be holding hunger lunches during Advent
- St Antony's would be holding their Christmas Fair
- 15th December: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens in the Newman Hall

8 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Sunday 14th October at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart presbytery.

9 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including Hail Mary and a Blessing.