

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 8th September 2013

Present: Sacred Heart

Mgr Bernard Massey, Frank Tohill (Chair), Jane Dyer (Minutes), Christine Cronin, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner.

St Antony's, Henbury

Sue King, Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

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

2 Apologies for absence

David Gabriel, Roger Mason.

3 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 21st July 2013

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters arising

a) Building Fund Appeal

It was noted that this was progressing well and that in excess of £16,000 had been raised to date (excluding Gift Aid).

b) Working Groups

Mgr Bernard distributed a handout (see attached) outlining suggestions for the format of the proposed Parish Committees; these were discussed and Council members volunteered as follows:

- Finance & Fabric Committee: Christine
- Catechetical Committee: Petronella
- Liturgy Committee: Chris, Jacek, Jane
(agreed that this Committee should also include Prayer – to encourage the prayer life of the parish)
- Social Committee: Gill, John Wilson
(agreed that this Committee should also address the needs of the young people, such as the Post Confirmation group)

Mgr Bernard agreed to prepare a leaflet in the next couple of weeks to give out to parishioners asking for volunteers to serve on these Committees. This leaflet would also cover recruitment issues – see (d) below. Action: Mgr Bernard

c) PPC Mission Statement

It was agreed that this be revised and a new Mission Statement was drawn up – see attached.

d) Recruitment of Altar Servers/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

To be included in the leaflet regarding Parish Committees – see (b) above.

- e) Health & Safety Officer
Mgr Bernard advised that Rachel Ellwood had been recruited for this post; it was agreed that the Health & Safety Officer be an ex officio member of the Finance & Fabric Committee.

5 Future Programme

- a) Faith Talks – Autumn 2013
David Culley will be giving talks on the Vatican II documents on Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. Advance notice to be put in the newsletter at the beginning of October and posters to be prepared. Jane to confirm dates/time/titles of talks with David. **Action: Jane**

Mgr Bernard advised of a new Cafe Programme on Prayer which could be suitable for Lent.

- b) Alterations to the Narthex at the Sacred Heart Church
This project is on hold for the time being.

Mgr Bernard advised of the need to look at the trip hazard at the entrance to the car park. **Action: Mgr Bernard**

- c) Sacred Heart Church 75th Anniversary 2014
It was agreed that the suggested year of celebration should now commence on 27th June 2014 and culminate on 12th June 2015 (both dates being the Feast of the Sacred Heart). It was decided to raise this at the next AGM in order to open discussions regarding possible celebratory events throughout the year.

6 Any Other Business

- a) St Antony's
- St Antony's Christmas Fair would be held on 9th November.
 - The Church hall needs some repair – leaking roof.
 - Imelda would be starting a Prayer Meeting on Thursdays/Fridays from 10-11 am.
 - 4 Altar Servers have volunteered – training to be arranged.
- b) Other
- Concerns had been raised regarding the inaudibility of some of the recent visiting priests.
 - Inventories need to be drawn up for both Churches and Halls. **Action: Mgr Bernard**
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to be held on Tuesday 10th September.
 - Frank advised that he would be stepping down as Chair of the PPC at the next AGM.
 - Parishioner data for both parishes needs to be revised – possibly have cards available for parishioners to complete. **Action: Mgr Bernard**
 - Noted that the website has had 15,000 visits since it started in July 2012.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Sunday, 20th October, at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

8 Closing Prayer

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