

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Friday 24th March 2017

Present: **Priest of the Joint Parishes**
Fr Colin Mason

Sacred Heart

Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Fiona McDonald, Chris Menzies (Chair), Jacek Miotla, Frank Tohill.

St Antony's

Bernard Thomas.

1 Welcome to Fr Colin

Chris Menzies welcomed those present and extended a special warm welcome to the new Priest of the Parishes: Fr Colin Mason.

2 Opening Prayer

Fr Colin opened the meeting with prayers including a Hail Mary

3 Apologies for absence

Gill Preisner.

4 Minutes of previous Meeting held 12th February 2017.

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

5 Matters Arising

Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric: this group had met on 17th March and the next meeting is scheduled for 19th May.

There was no report available but the following points were noted:

Sacred Heart

- The damp at the Sacred Heart Church needs to be seen to before any decorating can take place.

St Antony's

- The garage wall at St Antony's needs attention.
- New vestments for St Antony's to be purchased and paid for from Sacred Heart funds.
- Quotes to be obtained for new kneelers at St Antony's.
- Noted that the pews at St Antony's are not secured to the floor – this could be a Health and Safety issue.

Newman Hall

- There is a security issue regarding groups who use the Newman Hall locking away their own property in the cupboards – Dee Coleman to discuss with Marion Westwood. Action: Dee

Newman Hall Flat

- The tenancy of the Newman Hall Flat is due for renewal at the end of June: this will be discussed at the next Finance & Fabric Group meeting.

Liturgy & Catechetical: this group had met on 8th March and the next meeting is scheduled for 5th April.

- Tony Wadley and his musicians had led the music for the two Sunday Masses on 12th February at the Sacred Heart.
- A Mass of Healing will take place at Sacred Heart on 1st April at 10.30am and a Service Sheet had been prepared.

Lent Course on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia'

- This course is being presented by David Culley and is proving both challenging and rewarding. Unfortunately the numbers attending are very disappointing.

Bible Study

- A Bible Study group is now meeting on Thursdays after morning Mass.

Alpha Course

- Chris Menzies is looking into inviting someone from the Diocesan Education Department to come and give guidance on how to set up an Alpha Course.

Action: Chris

Youth Group

- David Culley will make contact with Catholic young people participating in a local ecumenical youth group: he will be seeking volunteers to get together to grow our faith and also to reach out to the wider community.

Soup Run

- Noted that both David Gabriel and Jon Wilson help with charities involved with the Soup Run.

CAFOD

- The CAFOD Lent campaign is doing well and it is hoped to reach the target of £4000.

Sacred Heart Sound System

- The sound system at the Sacred Heart needs improvement.

Social: this group had met on 9th March and the next meeting is scheduled for 27th April.

24th February: Mgr Bernard's Farewell 'Do'

- This had been very successful with about 300 people attending the Mass.

19th March: Fr Colin's Welcome Lunch

- This had been a great success and very well attended.

2nd May: Fr Colin's Induction Mass followed by Social

- Arrangements for this are in hand: hot food will be provided and the bar will be open.

23rd June: Feast of the Sacred Heart – Mass followed by Cheese and Wine

- Arrangements for this to be discussed at the next Social Group meeting.

Safe and Welcome: A Christian response to refugees and asylum seekers

- The Union of Catholic Mothers have adopted Borderlands as their charity for this year and have a speaker coming on 26th April (note change of date) – following which more information will be available.
- Noted that Bristol is a City of Sanctuary – Chris Menzies receives regular information from them and will put anything of interest in the Newsletter.

Action: Chris

6 Diocesan Day Saturday 18th February

Celebrating Lent and Easter

Feedback was that this had been a disappointing event with the workshops not very participative.

7 Annual General Meeting 21st May

- Agreed that the meeting will start at 3pm.
- Cream Teas to be provided after the meeting.
- Jo Savery is preparing reports following the format of previous year.
- Points for discussion to be requested from parishioners beforehand: however, questions and comments to be also invited at the meeting.

8 St Antony's – Points/Issues

- 13th June Feast of St Anthony of Padua – Mass followed by Social event.
- July/August – Quiz Night.
- Discussion took place regarding a possible Parish Trip to Douai Abbey July/early September – it was decided to consider postponing this until next year.
- Film night – late September/October.
- Carol Service with St Bede's at the beginning of December.
- 2018 January/February – Passion Play in the Hall.
- Bernard Thomas expressed his wish to step down from the PPC: he will try to find a replacement.

9 Any Other Business

Names of sick parishioners to be included in Newsletter

- Fr Colin to discuss with Jo Savery.

Action: Fr Colin

Fr Rupert – new pastoral responsibilities at Holy Cross, Bedminster

- A card to be sent to Fr Rupert on behalf of the parishes thanking him for all his work in the parishes and sending him all best wishes.

Action: Chris

10 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th May at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

11 Closing Prayer

Fr Colin closed the meeting with prayers.