

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 12th February 2017

Present: **Sacred Heart**
Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), Chris Menzies (Chair), Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner.

St Antony's
Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening Prayer
Chris Menzies welcomed those present and opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence
Fr Rupert Allen, David Gabriel, Frank Tohill.

3 Minutes of previous Meeting held 27th November 2016.
These were accepted and signed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising
Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric: this group had met on 2nd December and the next meeting is scheduled for 17th March.

There was no report.

Liturgy & Catechetical: this group had met on 30th November and 11th January and the next meeting is scheduled for 8th March.

Prayer Time

- Agreed to continue with Prayer Time for the present: a rota of leaders had been prepared up to June.

The Most Holy Trinity

- The 3 events associated with the Holy Trinity proposed for Sunday Masses will now be regarded as stand-alone events, rather than a related sequence.

The Father (Teaching): the timing of the invitation to the mime artist Steve Murray will be left for the new Parish Priest.

The Son (Mercy): the anointing is provisionally set for 25/26 March – to be confirmed by the new Parish Priest.

The Holy Spirit (Praise & Worship): musician Tony Wadley would be leading the music at the 9.15 and 11.15 Masses on Sunday 12th February.

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

- David Culley to plan 4 sessions as follows:
 - ✓ Monday 6 March Family
 - ✓ Tuesday 14 March Marriage
 - ✓ Wednesday 22 March Children
 - ✓ Thursday 30 march Pastoral
- David Culley would prepare a handout for distribution 25/26 February.

Possible Future Courses

- **Take a Place at the Table reserved for You:** objectives being to get together to grow our faith and to reach out to the wider community – food would be provided.
- Talk by David Culley on **Benedictine Spirituality.**
- New CaFE course for the over sixties: **Beloved Disciples**
- **Bible Study:** for future discussion.
- Daily reflections are available from website www.dynamiccatholic.com

Social: this group had met on 12th January and the next meeting is scheduled for 9th March.

5th February: Children's Party

- This had been a great success - it is hoped to repeat the event next year.

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

- Arrangements for this are in hand with food being purchased from Costco.

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

- Need to raise awareness of this crisis – how can we become involved – how should we proceed. **Discuss at next PPC meeting**
- Suggestion that we have a contact person to promote the cause of refugees.
- Noted that the UCM have adopted Borderlands as their charity for this year and that they have a speaker coming on 8th March (this meeting could be open to all parishioners). **Action: Jane**

5 Mgr Bernard's Departure

The PPC expressed their thanks to Mgr Bernard for all his support, enthusiasm and leadership during his time at the Sacred Heart and St Antony's, and wished him well in his new parish of St George's in Taunton: it is hoped to arrange a coach for parishioners to attend his induction there. **Action: Jane/Jo**

6 Bishop Declan's Pastoral Letter

What is it to be the Church for our day and our culture?

It was noted that responses to this and other questions posed by Bishop Declan in his recent Pastoral Letter need to be sent to Bishop Declan by 5th March: a reminder notice to be put in the newsletter to this effect. **Action: Jane**

7 Diocesan Day Saturday 18th February

Celebrating Lent and Easter

Christine Cronin said she would be attending this event and will report back to the PPC at the next meeting. **Action: Christine**

8 St Antony's – Points/Issues

The following had been arranged:

- Stations of the Cross on Thursdays from 2nd March to 6th April
- Hunger Lunch on either 11th or 18th March
- Quiz Night in mid Summer
- Possible Parish Trip to Douai Abbey (near Reading) or Winchester Cathedral in August
- Carol Service with St Bede's at the beginning of December
- 2018 February: Passion Play in the Newman Hall

Mention was also made of the fact that the kneelers need replacing.

9 Any Other Business

Welcome to Fr Colin Mason

- A welcome letter to be sent to Fr Colin on behalf of the PPC Action: Chris

Journey in Faith

- This course to be discussed at the next meeting of the Liturgy & Catechetical group Action: L&C group

Annual General Meeting: 21st May

- It was agreed to follow the same format as before: Jo to be asked to contact relevant group leaders to prepare short reports Action: Jane
- Gill Preisner expressed her wish to step down from the PPC and also from the Social Group – she was thanked for her valuable contribution during her time on the PPC

10 Date of next Meeting

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

11 Closing Prayer

Chris Menzies closed the meeting with prayers.