

**PARISH MEETING HELD AT ST. PETER'S CENTRE**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2008.**

**Present:** Fr. Jim O'Hanlon. Sr. Ignatius. Sr. Baptista. Patrick Lee, who took the Chair, and ten parishioners.

There was one apology for absence.

After the Opening Prayer and Welcome, Pat Lee reviewed the year.

1. The highlight of the year was the visit of Bishop Malcolm to Dedicate St. Peter's Church and open the Parish Centre. This highlighted the amount of work being done in the Parish as over forty groups were represented. He thanked everyone for their work.

He mentioned especially the improved parish website, the One World Festival organised by Churches Together and the Invitations to Return that had been sent to lapsed Catholics at Christmas.

He thanked H. Chadwick and D. Burke for several years of hard work on the PPC.

There is to be a Deanery Celebration in 2009 as a follow up to the Diocesan Assembly.

'Home is a Holy Place' is a diocesan initiative aimed at families which will be accessed via school and Holy Communion groups.

It is hoped to set up Senior and Junior St. Vincent de Paul groups shortly. The senior section is to be seen initially as an extension of the current Visiting Groups for the sick and housebound.

2. It was reported that the parish Cub Pack was in "dire straits" as a Responsible Leader is needed NOW. This pack WILL CLOSE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER and the equipment given away if no one comes forward. There are many children involved and there are two assistant leaders. The Rainbows Group has already closed!

3. The Youth Club has re-started after the summer with about fifteen members. Three older youth have volunteered for young leadership training to take place at the Briars.

4. Passing on the Faith – Mary Barson.

Mary reported on a diocesan meeting last February when the Bishop said that it was very difficult to be a Catholic in this age of secularism and materialism. We need to proclaim the Faith against the cultural odds and avoid turning in on ourselves. Catholicism is a way of life and needs to be passed on to society.

The CaFé Programme will restart soon. Discussion followed.

5. Future Priorities:

- a. A parish survey will seek ideas for the future and hope to highlight current deficiencies in the parish provision.

- b. Email addresses need to be collected and interactive use of the website to be encouraged.
- c. A service of healing for the sick and housebound.
- d. Provision for very young children at Mass.
- e. A parishioner has requested that the Extraordinary rite of Holy Mass be celebrated.

6. Parish Plan:

Helen Chadwick spoke about the Plan which will be available on the website. The following areas are covered: - Communication, Buildings and Grounds, Spirituality, Pastoral Life and Reaching Out to the World.

The meeting concluded with a prayer 9.15p.m.