

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. PETER'S PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2009.

Present: Fr. Jim O'Hanlon. Sr. Ignatius. Pat Lee. Tony Garrett. Colette Burns.

Opening Prayer: Sr. Ignatius led the opening prayer and read the Gospel.

Apologies: Marie Greensmith and Michael Konieczko.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes were passed as a true record and signed by Pat Lee.

Matters Arising:

Heating at St. John's and St. Peter's - Fr. Jim waiting quotes regarding St. Peter's. St. John's on hold for the moment.

AGENDA:

Correspondence:

None.

Parish Survey:

Colette reported that over two hundred responses had been received; two need personal replies.

The key issues raised were a) Provision for the under 5's as there is now no Lady Chapel available for mothers with toddlers and b) More for the older teenagers.

As soon as the deadline of May 10th for receipt of any more responses has passed, Colette will collate all the data and report back.

Parish Protection Officer:

Colette is now officially the Parish Protection Officer. All the relevant literature has been received. Posters will be put up in all three churches regarding Childline contact together with the official certificates relating to Colette's position as Protection Officer. A notice will also be put in the weekly bulletin.

Colette informed the committee that as from the 12th October 2009, what is known as CRB checks will be known as the Vetting and Barring Scheme.

Deanery Celebration:

There was a meeting on 6th May in Loughborough regarding the Celebrations. The matter of youth participation was mentioned and Pat will look into this. There will be a Fairtrade stall; Francis Levett will be having a stall called Challenge Team UK - a team of young people aged eighteen to twenty-eight, will be giving presentations on

the subject of saving sex for marriage. Pat will be representing the SVP and Sr. Ignatius representing RCIA. Children's Liturgy will be exchanging ideas between the various groups in the Deanery.

On the whole the response has been poor from the groups within the parish. It was hoped parishioners/groups would attend, this being good for the Deanery as a whole with people sharing ideas with each parish.

Gift Day 21st June and Grand Draw:

Fr. Jim reported that the Draw Tickets are ready as are the Gift Day envelopes. As this will be the Feast Day of St. John, there will be two masses, the Vigil Mass at St. John's and the other at St. Peter's. Nearer the date there will be notices in the weekly bulletin regarding times of masses.

It is also Walsingham Sunday with coaches from Syston and Oakham going to Walsingham. Details will be put in the bulletin regarding this.

Any Other Business:

Fr. Newsham:

Fr. Jim reported that monies had been received for a plaque dedicated to Fr. Newsham. Sr. Ignatius informed the committee that she is awaiting a photograph before this can go ahead.

Parish Mission:

Literature had been received from the Redemptory Priests regarding a new Parish Mission. It was thought that if this were to go ahead, possibly this could be done over weekends instead of a whole week as before.

Painting of St. John's:

It was suggested getting a group of St. John's parishioners to try and agree a colour scheme. Fr. Jim said as it was a listed building, the colour scheme will have to be passed by the relevant committee before it could go ahead. Pat will follow up.

Annual Parish Open Meeting:

The date is now September 8th 2009 at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Fr. Jim asked that a report from the Youth Club and the Girl Guides be obtained for the next meeting to see how the groups are progressing. Pat to action this.

Date of Next Meeting:

June 4th at 7.30p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. Peter's.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.