

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009.**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pat read the opening prayer; Sr. Ignatius read the reflection.

**Apologies:** Maria Greensmith.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

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

**Matters Arising:**

**Heating at St. Peter's.**

Three quotations have been received. One for £14,700 from HeatinGlobe, one for £10,000 from Drugasa Limited and one for £7,000 from Vulcana Gas App. Limited. The quote from Vulcana seems to be the best option and this will be put before the Finance Committee in due course (a meeting is to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November). Monies are available from the account for this work.

**Plaque for Fr. Newsham.**

A photograph has been made available; we are having an enlargement made and a small plaque will be put underneath the photo.

**Parish Mission.**

Fr. Jim would like to know whether the parish would like another mission, possibly in the Spring. It was suggested a note be put in the bulletin regarding this matter.

**Painting at St. John's.**

Tony has been asking for quotations regarding this. He is awaiting two quotations from firms and is hoping for one other.

**Presbytery.**

The fascia and guttering work has been completed.

**Car for Fr. Jacek.**

The Chairman asked Fr. Jim if he had rescinded the car for Fr. Jacek prior to Fr. Jim going on holiday, as a telephone call from the Convent was received stating that there would be no car hired for Fr. Jacek. Fr. Jim replied that he had not rescinded the car.

**Agenda:**

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Actions arising from Deanery Meetings:**

- Fr. Jim reported that from June 2009 to June 2010, the Pope has delegated this as a Year for Priests.
- A Youth Alpha Course has been recommended – Gwen Mamos to be informed re this.
- Café videos are available.
- Reality of Masses – in the case of the parish priest being ill, what happens? Emergency procedures are deployed – we have these in place.
- A 'blog' has been set up regarding reactions to the Deanery Celebration Day. So far the response has been poor.

### **Actions arising from Open Parish Meeting:**

- Something must be done for the youth of the parish. Colette to speak to Kristi re the youth club.
- Tony to organise a quiz night – open to all – in January 2010.
- Fr. Jim to liaise with Simon Curley regarding having the Garden Party at school again.
- Regarding the young parishioners, Fr. Jim is willing to have a youth mass more often (the latest one went very well). It was asked whether it was possible for the Confirmation candidates to do the readings at mass. There is a possibility of having the next Youth Mass at the end of November.
- Older Parishioners - Regarding Christmas Day Mass, St. John's can only hold so many parishioners. Colette offered to do a breakdown of figures regarding attendance at the different churches for Christmas Day over the last few years.
- Afternoon mass mid-week during winter months instead of morning mass is possible. Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoons is also possible.

### **Fr. Jacek's Homilies:**

Pat has received an email from Helen Chadwick asking for Fr. Jacek's homilies to be bound in booklet form and presented to him on his next visit to the parish. The homilies also to be made available on the website. The committee agreed to this.

Fr. Jim then informed the PPC that Fr. Jacek will not be coming back next year and cover has been arranged for next year.

The question was asked why; Fr. Jim stated it was of a confidential nature and did not elaborate further. Pat will speak to Helen re this matter.

**Reduction of Masses:**

Discussion took place regarding this matter if such an emergency arose. If this were to take place, mass on Saturday evening would be at St. John's and Sunday mass at St. Peter's. Fr. Jim stated there was no demand for Sunday evening mass. The Chairman pointed out that we are not at this stage yet.

**Memorial Service/Cemetery Visit:**

This to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> November at St. Peter's at 7.30. Groups in the parish possibly to be involved. Fr. Jim to liaise with Fr. Tylka regarding the times of mass and visit to the cemetery.

**Any Other Business:**

Guttering at St, Peter's church needs repairing; a quote for £700 and one for £1200 have been received. One more quote to be obtained.

Colette reported she has penned an article for the parish magazine regarding her role as Parish Safeguarding Representative. She is to attend a training course at the end of October.

Syringes and beer cans have been found in the grass area at St. Peter's. This is the area where the children play after the 10.30 mass. Police have been informed and also the gardener made aware of the problem.

St. Francis School has had an outstanding report from Ofsted.

Regarding new members for the PPC it was decided to approach the various groups within the parish asking for representatives.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at **6.00pm** in the Meeting Room at St. Peter's.

The concluding prayer was read by Fr. Jim.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.