

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. PETER'S PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2009.

Present: Fr. Jim O'Hanlon. Sr. Ignatius. Pat Lee. Tony Garrett. Maria Greensmith.

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

Input: Fr. Jim read from the handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils referring to external communication to the Diocese as a whole. Individual parishes will benefit enormously from contact with the wider diocesan church. For this purpose the development of a Diocesan Communication Network that consists of a Contact Person in each parish will provide a greater opportunity for communication between parishes and diocese. In this way parishes will be enabled to share resources, information and feedback in a co-ordinated and consistent manner. This contact person should be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council and appointed for a fixed term, with the option for renewal, to serve as a liaison between the parish and the diocese through the Diocesan Pastoral Office. The contact person would share information from the diocese with their parish and give feedback from the parish to the diocese.

Fr. Jim also spoke on interaction with neighbouring parishes and other Christian churches.

Apologies: Colette Burns and Michael Konieczko.

Correspondence: Pat Lee informed the committee that he had received an email from Justin Morgan giving his resignation from the PPC. This is due to family and business commitments. Pat will write to Justin thanking him for his input on the PPC.

Pat had also received a letter from Debbie Burke resigning from the position of Childrens Protection Representative. A short discussion followed regarding new members for the PPC.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

AGENDA:

Parish Survey:

A discussion took place regarding the draft Parish Survey document Colette and Mary Barber had produced. Colette had asked the committee for their comments regarding this and Pat informed the PPC that he would be seeing Colette regarding comments, additions etc. that the PPC felt should be included in the survey.

Report on the Parish Centre:

Fr. Jim informed the members that regular bookings for the centre amounted to approximately £668.00 per month. He also informed the members that Kumon – an after schools programme on maths and English – would be starting next week.

The subject of cleaning the centre was put before the committee. Fr. Jim had received a quote for £30.00 per week for this task (two and a half hours per day for two days.) It was thought to advertise this post in the newsletter to see if any parishioners were interested. Fr. Jim would put the idea before the Management Committee.

Deanery Celebration – 5th July 2009:

A letter from St. Mary's Church, Loughborough was distributed to the PPC regarding this event. Fr. Jim and Pat attended the recent meeting regarding this. The event is to take place on July 5th 2009 from 12.00 noon until 4.00p.m. This would be publicised on the web site. It was hoped that the various parish groups would be interested in attending. These groups would receive an invitation to attend the celebration with their members. A short discussion took place regarding what was taking place in the parish. The Briars team would be involved regarding the children's activities. The next meeting regarding the Deanery Celebrations is February 9th.

Home is a Holy Place:

It has been decided to defer this programme for this year as the Parish Survey needs to be finalised. It is hoped to start the programme after the Parish Survey has been completed.

Date of Next Meeting:

February 5th at 7.30p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. Peter's.

Any Other Business:

- a) Mass Leaflets – Fr. Jim requested Maria to ask around at the 10.30a.m. Mass at St. Peter's whether any parishioners would be interested in having mass leaflets.
- b) St. John the Baptist Church.
Fr. Jim informed the PPC that he had made enquiries regarding the repair to the bell at St. John's. The bell would have to come down to be sent to Loughborough for a quote regarding the repairs.
- c) Fr. Jim had received a letter from the Diocese regarding accommodation for retired priests. During the next few years a lot of priests will be retiring and accommodation is scarce. Fr. Jim is thinking of offering part of the presbytery for this purpose as part of the house could be altered for this purpose.
- d) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – this starts Monday 19th January.
- e) Planning Permission for a warehouse sex shop in Melton – possibly Churches Together group could discuss this.
- f) Senior S.V.P. – Pat informed the members that this group is to go ahead. A committee has been formed and the relevant CRB documents acquired.
- g) Heating at St. Peter's – Complaints have been received from some parishioners regarding the temperature in St. Peter's. One of the radiators is

broken resulting in change in temperature. This is being looked into as is the heating at St. John's (plumbers coming at the end of January to check the radiators at St. John's.)

Fr. Jim led the concluding prayer.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.