

St Clare's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the Meeting 27th January 2014

Present: Jonathan Day, Janet Metcalf, Angela Waddingham, Anne Gardiner, Brigit Chesworth, Dominic Keane, Sue Lawrenson, Fr. Loughran, Fr. Darren.

Apologies: Stephen Connelly, Emma Gardiner, Fatima Thanikachalam and Jean Hampson.

Present: Annette Barrowcliffe.

2. Fr. Loughran opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

A number of corrections made to the last meeting. Janet identified a possible misreading of Item 5 – this will be amended.

4. Messy Church

Annette Barrowcliffe gave a presentation on the Messy Church. She expressed its aim to introduce Scripture into the lives of all who attend church and those who do not. It is mainly targeting families. The sessions would involve craft activities, sharing, prayer time and then a shared meal, all centred on Scripture. She shared some of the examples of frequency and cost. It was agreed that Annette should pursue this and approach some of the people she had in mind to help her realise this idea.

5. Priest's Items:

12.12 Meeting with the Safeguarding Co-Coordinator

14.12 Fabric and Finance Meeting

Series of Class Confessions for Primary School (St. Clare's)

13.12 Advent Reconciliation Service

22.12 Family Carol service

26.12 Altar Servers Celebration

01.01.14 New Year's Day Mass

08.01 Mass for the beginning of Term

12.01 Porch Plans on Display

13.01 Social Committee (Minutes on notice board)

16.01 First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

18.01 Fabric and Finance Meeting

24.01 Parish Meeting concerning porch project.

On-going activities include the Sacramental Programmes and the Journey in Faith.

Fr. Darren continues his activities at Royal Present Hospital, Corpus Christi High School, Newman College and with the Deanery Youth Coordination.

The Youth Groups (3) to recommence this week.

Fr. Loughran continues his extra-parochial activities:
The Cenacolo Community, The Board of Education, Diocesan Trustees,
Editorial Board – Catholic Voice and The Cenacolo Trustees.

Funerals: Mary Bond, Almos Szekely, Lola Gath, Mark Cartmell, Babies Caprise and Camille Sheriff. 3 other funerals at English Martyrs.

Baptisms: Elvie Ives, Emilia Jeffrey, and Max Newton.

NeoCatechumenal A small group continues with the Liturgy of the Word on Wednesdays and an occasional Saturday PM Eucharist. Hopes for a further catechesis after Easter are being explored.

Areas of weakness: Adult education: The only specific manifestation of this is RCIA and the Baptismal Programme. There is no specific ongoing programme.

Welcoming Service: We have a “pack” that we give out to new parishioners but no one (preferably group) to visit these new parishioners.

Bereavement Service: There are many funerals conducted by the Clergy from St. Clare’s. What is needed is a ‘follow-up’ service whereby the bereaved are visited and offered on-going support (not counselling). This is not at present the remit of the SVP. It would require some specific training.

Bishop’s Visitation: 14/15/16 June.

6. Church Porch:

The meeting was held on the 24.01 and was supportive. Projected cost £115,000 plus VAT plus contingency. The planning application is to continue with a submission to the Diocesan Property Board and to the Diocesan Trustees for agreement in principle. 75% of the cost has to be raised before the plans can go out to tender. The tender has to be seen by the Diocesan Trustees.

There is a need for a project group to manage this.

7. Fr. Darren – Youth Groups:

The youth groups have restarted. There are more registered than are regularly attending. The away weekend is to be in Derbyshire.

Fr. Darren is to visit OLSE School to invite the children to participate.

There has been a meeting of the helpers.

The Erasmus application has been made to support the project in the Hodovo Settlement. (BiH).

8. AOB

The Parish website to be updated following two hacking episodes.

There has been a Guinness Book of Records attempt at the school.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting, 10.03.14 at 19.45hrs