

## **Minutes of St. Clare's PPC Meeting**

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 7.45pm**

**Present:** Jonathan Day (Chair), Stephen Connolly, Anne & Emma Gardiner, Jean Hampson, Sue Lawrenson, Janet Metcalf, Angela Waddingham, Fr Loughran, Fr. Darren & Peter Read (part of meeting)

1. **Apologies:** Dominic Keane.
2. **The Opening Prayer:** Fr. L. opened the meeting with prayer. Jonathan welcomed those who were present and informed the meeting that Brigit Chesworth had resigned due to moving out of the area.
3. **Review of the previous minutes.** These were accepted as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising:** There were none.
5. **Proclaim 15:** Peter Read had been invited to the meeting as he and Eileen Cywinski had represented the parish at this national gathering focusing on the New Evangelisation based on the Encyclical Letter Evangelii Gaudium. This was attended by 850 from all over the country plus Cardinal, Bishops and Priests. There were several keynote speakers and a plethora of workshops. One of the main points was that everything had to be prayer centric. Peter suggested that many of the initiatives mentioned were already present in our parish. There is to be a Diocesan follow up meeting on which Peter will report. Peter left the meeting.
6. **Parish Priest's items:** Because it was such a long time since the last meeting Fr.L. gave a narrative report covering: Baptism Course, RCIA / Journey in Faith, Catechetical Programmes, Porch Extension, St. Clare's School, Appeals, Health & Safety, In Service Training CTFB, Social Events, Other Events, Future Events and a list of Funerals, Baptisms and other Liturgical Events. (see attached list). He also gave a run down on the parish finances.
7. **Youth Activities:** Fr. D reported on these activities. The 2 Youth Groups are continuing. At present the older Group is well subscribed. He suggested that at the beginning of each half term a visit to the school to promote the younger Group was necessary. He reported on the on-going visit of the young people from Hodovo and of the plans for the return visit and also, the Lourdes Pilgrimage. It was noted that no statutory / government / EU funding was available and all monies had been raised locally.

**8. AOB:** 1) Emma signalled that she would be entering University in September and would not be able to attend the PPC Meetings. It was decided that, whilst Emma would be welcome at the meetings, a replacement was necessary. It was also noted that a replacement for Brigit would be necessary. Some suggestions were put forward. 2) The matter of 'Just Giving' was raised and will be looked into. 3) A matter regarding the Car Park was mentioned. It was noted that this matter rightly belonged to the Car Park Authorities at RPH. 4) Anne Gardiner brought up the possibility of a regular Car Boot Sale and will take the matter forward. 5) Concerns were raised regarding the Porch Lottery Fund: it was suggested that direct approach be made to the organiser.

**9. Future meeting dates:** Jonathan said that he would send an email suggesting future dates.