

# St. Clare's Catholic Church

## Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Monday 28.07.14

### Minutes

**Present:** Jonathan Day, Janet Metcalf, Fr. Loughran, Fr. Darren, Angela Waddingham, Jean Hampson, Stephen Connolly, Ann Gardiner, Emma Gardiner, Sue Lawrenson.

**Apologies:** Dominic Keane, Brigit Chesworth.

1. Meeting opened with a prayer.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: due to technical problems there was a delay in them being circulated. There were no matters arising.

3. Priest's Items:

Since the last meeting-

May 16 Hodovo meeting DC

18 Confirmation Presentation Mass

19 The Way

20 Social Committee Meeting

26 The Way

28 Meeting – Messy Church

29 The Way

June 02 The Way

05 The Way Penitential Service

06 Holy Hour

07 Day of Renewal

09 The Way

10 Class 3 Baptism DC

12 The Way

13 Meeting of Porch Fundraising Group (No fundraising until  
September)

14 Youth Day (GFF and Seekers and Confirmation Group)

14 Bishop's Visitation Day 1

15 Bishop's Visitation Day 2 and Confirmation

16 Bishop's Visitation Day 3 Schools  
The Way

17 Social Committee Meeting

20 Convivance Day 1

21 " Day 2  
Car Wash

22 Convivance Day 3  
Retreat Fr. L

23 The Way – Bible Presentation with The Bishop

June 23 Meeting of the School Governors.

27 Summer Fair

28 Quarant Ore Day 1  
Ceilidh for Hodovo

29 Catenian Mass and Quarant Ore Day 2.

30 Teaching Post Shortlisting

Days of Renewal Meeting.

July 05 Messy Church

07 Teaching Post Interviews

Social Committee Meeting

12 Hodovo Sponsored Bike Ride

18 Teaching Assistant interviews

20 Parish Fun Day

21 End of Term Mass

22 Meeting with the Safeguarding Representatives.

A NeoCatechumenal community has now been formed. "Families in Mission" have come to live in the Parish.

Baptism Courses: These continue ever two months or as required.

Fr. Darren continues his activities at: RPH, Corpus Christi, Newman College, Deanery Youth Coordination. Now in addition Diocesan Vocations Director.

Fr. Loughran continues with his extra parochial duties: The Cenacolo Community, The Christian Unity Commission, Ecumenical Officer for Lancashire, Cenacolo Trustee.

Youth Groups(3) continue to meet. A series of Deanery Youth initiatives have taken place in the Parish Hall under the auspices of Fr. Darren.

Funerals: David Wilkinson, Kathleen McMorrow, Wilfred Barker, Baby Reynolds-Parker, Ella Smith, Irena Iaverdino and Baby Mitchell.

Baptisms: 5

Confirmations: 23

Marriage: 1

#### **4. The Bishop's Visit June 14-16 2014**

A visit to encourage and praise. The following email was received:

My heartfelt thanks to you both for your welcome and your hospitality during the Visitation today and at the weekend.

Most of all, though I am deeply grateful for all your hard work in the Parish, Hospital and Schools and elsewhere; also your openness and support to new initiatives for mission and the new ecclesial movements. Your Parish stands out as a leading light.

The presentations on Sunday were Lay led and all had an emphasis on the Gospel and Kingdom building. In addition the young people spoke well.

#### **5. Welcoming**

This has been identified as an area of weakness. There is a pack for new Parishioners but there is a need for a couple of Parishioners to do a home visit. Fr. Loughran suggested that a small group to visit in pairs would be ideal, He also asked the questions 'Was the Parish welcoming?', 'Where we a warm community?'. He suggested that it might be a suitable topic for a Homily. In addition it was suggested that we might make an effort to get to know people's names. There is to be a Bulletin request for volunteers.

#### **6. Youth Matters.**

The youth groups have finished for the summer with a party attended by 60 young people. With the recruitment of more volunteer helpers from September the meetings will be weekly with a 30 min. crossover to facilitate the movement from one group to the other.

10 young people and 6 adults are leaving for Hodovo on Thursday in order to decorate the school. They are there for a week. There will be a daily blog.

**7. Any other business**

a. A second safeguarding person has been appointed. Brenda Scales.

A filing cabinet to hold the documentation is to be provided for them. This will be kept in the presbytery but the safeguarding officers will hold the keys.

b. The Parish has been given a Minibus, which is for use by the Parish and the School. There is to be a protocol for its use. It is not insured to be hired out.

c. Bereavement is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 08.09.14 at 19.45hrs.**