

St Clare's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 20th October 2014

Minutes

Present: Jonathan Day, Janet Metcalf, Fr. Loughran, Fr. Darren, Angela Waddingham, Jean Hampson, Ann Gardiner, Emma Gardiner, Brigit Chesworth (via Skype)

Apologies: Dominic Keane, Sue Lawrenson, Stephen Connolly.

1. Fr. Loughran led the prayer.
2. There were no Minutes for the last meeting.

3. Parish Priest Items

11-18/9 Visit to Megjugorje and Hodova – Fr. Loughran visited the school in Hodovo to see the work done by the boys and girls during the Hodova Project 2014. The school looked clean and tidy. The white boards had not been put up in the classroom and he confirmed that the cost of putting them up would be covered as part of the project. He also handed over a cheque for £1000 for winter fuel.

18/09 Hodova Presentation

21/09 Meeting for First Confession Parents/ Catenian Appeal to build membership

25/09 Meeting for Confirmation Parents

26/09 Prize Bingo

27/09 Inaugural Mass of ICKSP

28/09 CTFB Songs of Praise

30/09 Clergy in-service (H&S) /CTFB Committee Meeting

02/10 RCIA Open Evening- there is at present 2 'enquirers'

03/10 Meeting with NCW /Holy Hour

04/10 Day of Renewal

05/10 Confirmation Enrolment Mass

06/10 School Governors Curriculum Meeting

07/10 Extra Cenacolo duties

08/10 Cenacolo AGM

10/10 School Harvest Service

12/10 1st Confession Enrolment Mass/ Youth led Marian Service

13/10 Social Committee Meeting (Minutes available on the Notice Board)

14/10 Fr. Loughran represented the Bishop at the Foxton Centre, which is a Drop in Centre run on Christian principles.

20/10 LTH Car Park Meeting – The time for the employees of the Lancashire Teaching Hospital, who pay to park in the designated

spaces in the Church car park, has been extended to between 8am and 6pm. As the staff members were using the bays during these times any way it was agreed that the Parish be paid for this additional time. Last term there had been an incident when a child was 'touched' by a car while crossing the car park. A one-way system is to be introduced for the parents and they be encouraged to use any vacant spaces rather than abandoning their vehicles thus causing congestion.

Porch Extension:- The Parish Lottery was launched on the 14/09. Other fund raising activities planned include a Sportsman's Dinner, Christmas at the Movies, Golf Tournament and buying 'plots of space' in the porch.

Fr. Darren continues his activities at RPH, Corpus Christi, Newman College, Deanery Youth Coordination and Diocesan Vocations Director.

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

Since the last meeting:-

Funerals: Betty Lynch, Baby Gunn and sibling, Baby Hitchen, Baby Whittle, Teresa Hodges, Baby Proctor and Maureen Masters.

Baptisms: 3

There has been some vandalism to one of the stain glass windows. A temporary repair is to be done to make it safe.

4 Safeguarding Clearance: Jonathan has spoken to Mike Simpson about getting everyone on the PPC CRB checked. However it may not be necessary to have all the members of the PPC CRB checked as they do not all have contact with children or vulnerable adults.

5 Youth Activities: Emma reported that there are 18 to 25 children who go to the Seekers and 10 to 16 children go to GGF each week. The sessions are going well. They are looking as to how the Youth Groups can give something back to the Parish. This may take the form of a Brunch after Saturday 10am Mass with the children entertaining the parishioners. The date has still to be decided.

6 The next meeting is on Monday 1st December starting after the School Advent Service i.e. 8pm.