

St Clare's Catholic Church

Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting 10.03.14.

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

Guest: Mr. Mike Simpson

Apologies: Emma Gardiner, Stephen Connolly,

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

2. Previous minutes:

Two spelling errors noted. There were no items arising not on the agenda.

3. Safe Guarding

Mr Simpson responsible for safe guarding in the Parish gave the members a brief resume of the safeguarding arrangements in the Parish. He confirmed that at present there were 6 people going through the process. He outlined the best practice that operated for all those working with Children and Vulnerable Adults. He confirmed that at present the Diocese does not require the check to be repeated every three years though other organisations do. He stated that there was an urgent need for a second officer for the Parish preferably female because of the nature of the role. He requested that the Council should seek to identify someone.

4. Priest's Items

Fr. Loughran opened by saying that his Diocesan role had changed and that he was now the Ecumenical officer for Lancashire.

29.01 Mass at Sharoe Bay Court

31.01 Prize Bingo

01.02 Training sessions with new Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

02.02 First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass

11.02 Churches together Meeting

18.02 Hosted Deanery Clergy Conference

20.02 Fraternal Meeting/ Lunch with Local Church Leaders

22.02 Fabric and Finance Group Meeting

24.02 Leading of St Clare's School staff Day of Recollection

27.02 Confirmation Parents' meeting

05,03 KS2 Mass then KS1 Service

06,03 Mass at Corpus Christi

08. 03 Rite of Election(Cathedral)

09.03 Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Ongoing activities include the Sacramental Programmes and the Journey in Faith.

Fr. Darren continues as Chaplain at RPH, Corpus Christi. Newman College. He is responsible for the Deanery Youth Coordination.

Fr. Loughran continues with his extra parochial duties with:

The Cenacolo Community, the Christian Unity Commission, Editorial Board Catholic Voice, the Cenacolo Trustees.

The Youth Groups recommence this week.

Funerals: Phylis Abram, Maureen Pike, Baby Kowalewkz, Anne Lovell and Jack Bennett.

Baptisms: Lucas Bassu, Samuel Alker, Joshua Nuttall

NeoCatechumenal: A small group continues with the liturgy of the Word on Wednesdays and an occasional Saturday evening Eucharist. Hopes for a further catechesis after Easter are being finalised. The Bishop has asked that the NeoCatechumenal way is supported. Two families to move into the Parish to support the evangelising effort.

Bishop's Visitation 14/15/16 June 2014 Suggestions welcome – Maybe a Parish Lunch, Youth Day, Visual (Projector)record of Parish Activities.

5. Youth

Fr. Darren gave feedback on the Youth activities. There has been a visit to OLSE Primary School to give information on the Groups. The Youth Day took place on Saturday and 13 attended. The Pancake Day had a limited response. On the 29.03 there is a football tournament – St Clare's is fielding 3 teams. The Catenians have donated the Trophy.

05.04 is the Deanery Youth Day.

6. The Web Site

The new design of the Parish Website is nearly complete.

7. Hodovo

The planning for the project in the summer is continuing. There is a need for fundraising and there are now links with Corpus Christi and Newman College. It is hoped that the project will take place between 31.07 – 07.08 with three of the original group of young people taking part. There is the youth Festival at Medjugorie at the same time.

8. Date and Time Next meeting :07.04.14 19.30 hrs.