

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

20th July 2011

PRESENT: John Fox (Chair), Fr Timothy, Liz Clark (minutes), David Carter, Austin Cashin, Ann Donnelly, Peter Donnelly, Keyna Godward.

APOLOGIES: Diana Dove, Joanna Hale, Nigel & Vicki Hughes, Peter & Valerie Kirk, Jane Larkham (St Anne's) Paul Wooderson.

Fr Timothy opened the meeting with prayer

Finance: Austin Cashin. The financial report for 2010/11 is in preparation, and once complete will be made available to parishioners. Expected to show a surplus of £14K. Austin outlined some of the key figures. Received £60,000 in tax efficient (gift aided), £18,000 plate, plus a further £18,000 reclaimed tax. The hall and repository contributed £5,000. Recurring expenses were £80,000, plus an additional £15,000 – mostly dealing with the asbestos removal at Wendover. The bazaar and second collections raised £17,000, and £15,000 was given to our parish charities. Once the 2010-11 accounts are complete Austin will hand over to Teresa Paulick as reported in the previous minutes.

SVP: Diana Dove. Report presented by **Keyna**. Delighted to report a new young member of the parish is joining the SVP once the necessary formalities are completed.

SVP recently used accumulated funds to purchase 12 pairs of new jeans for Emmaus House in Acton.

Held a Healing Service on Sunday 5th June and will be holding another bingo session with afternoon tea on 24th July. Planning a summer outing – probably for September.

Planning to increase their twinnage financial commitments- currently Kerala in SW India – and looking at sponsoring students and donating to SVP disaster appeal as funds allow.

Liturgy & the New Missal: Liz. Liz and Joanna will lead the final session of 'In Spirit and In Truth' on Thursday. Good group of parishioners involved, and positive feedback. It has been particularly helpful and inspiring to have Fr Timothy taking part in the sessions so that we were able to experience proclaiming the new texts together.

Laminated A4 tri-fold cards have been purchased to be inserted in the Parish Mass Books from September for the people's parts for the new translation. New altar Missals and other materials for Fr Timothy's use have been ordered for both churches, and from Advent there will be a rolling programme to replace the Parish Mass Books with the updated versions over the three years of the liturgical cycle. Through the summer Liz will put a series of brief articles in the newsletter explaining the changes, based on materials from both our own diocesan Liturgy Commission and the National Liturgy Office, and produce a leaflet containing the full series in September.

Also days being led by Fr Paul Turner from the USA in October, entitled – "How are we getting on?" at St Joseph's High School, Slough on Saturday 1st October, and the RE Centre, Milton Keynes on Monday 3rd October. Further details in forthcoming newsletters.

Sacramental Programmes: Joanna Report presented by **Liz**. The First Holy Communion celebrations went well. For the coming year the materials used will need to be reviewed in light of the new Missal. Hope to offer a Confirmation programme at IHM in 2011-12.

Evangelisation: Joanna Report presented by **Liz**. Encouragement to all to support Lighthouse next week – our major evangelistic activity.

Day of Recollection at Douai Abbey: Joanna. Very successful and greatly appreciated by the 33 people who attended.

Communications: Paul report presented by **John F**. With regard to improving the appearance of the front of the church, John had an on-site meeting with Aidan Lynch, the Diocesan Property Manager, looking at how to improve the safety and drainage of this area, including resurfacing, which had been very useful. Hope to have a surveyor to examine and report in September, and then look at what needs doing.

Consideration of measures to deter unauthorised parking in this area is ongoing.

Group working on a new 'welcome card' to help newcomers get involved in parish life.

Social: Keyna. A Quiz Night is being planned for 17th September. Mark Haines will be quiz master.

Site Management: Keyna. Tony Hulme has taken over from Greff. Those present expressed their gratitude for all Greff had done in this area over the years. Currently investigating a problem with the Damien Hall drains, which will probably require a camera survey. Other minor electrical works are in hand. The trees on the other side of the boundary wall with the Link Road car park are currently being lopped – very timely since a large bough fell across the garden last Sunday evening!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

26th October 2011, 8.00pm in Damien Hall.