

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 4th July 2011

Present: Jo Shepherd, Monica Jackson, Flo Nilsson, Ged Downey, Sheila Cunningham, Pat Palmer, Susan Stoddart, Marie Miller.

Moira Potts attended as a guest.

1. Opening prayer

2. Introduction from the Chair

3. Apologies for absence: John Hawthorne, Ewa Posner, Bridget Shepherd, Laura McLeod, Catherine Dixon.

4. Minutes of meeting 8th May 2011 were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda:

The new meeting time and day was discussed as it presents a problem for a number of PPC members especially the younger ones, who we have encouraged to come along. At the previous meeting it was discussed that the parish try to give more support to those young people who are regular attendees and are giving up time to work as volunteers abroad. It was suggested that the parish contribute a percentage of what they collect themselves. This will be taken to the Finance Committee.

6. Adult Formation:

It was disappointing that only 12 members of the parish attended the meeting for the new Missal translation. It was pointed out that some people have been involved elsewhere with this.

The Quiet Day led by Fr.Hickey was very successful as was the Eucharist programme, with 12-14 people each time at the latter.

There needs to be a meeting to arrange the AF programme for September.

7. Youth update:

The meeting at the Youth Village was well attended by all the Deaneries. Each Deanery had to identify what they could do, which has problems as the parishes of our Deanery are widespread. It was decided to hold 4 meetings for the young parishioners at specific times in the Church calendar.

There are plans to start up the Diocesan evenings which were once held in the Chaplaincy. These would be held every 2 months at Shotley Bridge, which could cause a transport problem for those attending.

8. Future events:

Cantoris - It was explained that Stephen, who runs the choir, would be happy to return,

but it is made up of school students and some may have moved on to university, so the choir needs to be re- formed.

As it will be Fr. Jim's 40th anniversary in October, there will be a Mass and celebration on Friday 28th October.

9. Any other relevant business:

J&P are launching the water appeal again, this time including St.Oswald's, Sacred Heart, and St.Mary's schools.

This weekend there will be an appeal for aid to Burma.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - the number of people involved is falling and publicity is needed to promote the Adoration. It was suggested that it could be extended to weekends for those who are working and that those already involved make a personal approach to ask others.

It was also suggested that there could be a prayer theme for the week.

The importance of this lies in the fact that next year there will be a Parish Mission and preparations should begin this September. This item will also be discussed at the next Centenary meeting.

There still ongoing problems with the Hall use, but this is in hand with Fr. Jim.

It was mentioned that some kneelers are awkward and this will be addressed by the Finance Committee.

It was pointed out that at times there have been problems getting messages into the bulletin.

It was suggested that at the next meeting we discuss time and day of meetings.

10.Date of next meeting Monday 5th Sept 2011 7.00 p.m.