

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

7th March 2011

Present: Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne, Monica Jackson, Flo Nilsson, Ewa Posner, Ged Downey, Sheila Cunningham, Pat Palmer, Bridget Shepherd, Catherine Dixon, Marie Miller.

1. Opening prayer

2. Introduction from the Chair

3. Apologies for absence: Susan Stoddart

4. Minutes of meeting 9th Jan 2011 were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda: Talk by Pat Devlin from her Palestine visit. Following discussion it was decided that this should be held Tuesday 12th April, nearer to Holy Week and to advertise the talk through the Deanery and via the Lenten Lunches to other churches. MM to take this on.

Prayer card for 2012 is being designed by some young parishioners.

It was suggested that with the introduction of the new missal translation, it would be an opportunity to examine why some parts of the Mass are so important. Possibly by way of the bulletin and/or adult education - to be added to July agenda.

6. Adult Formation: Sessions relating to the "Our Father" were well attended. Lenten meetings about to begin with pilot afternoon meetings being held.

Quiet day needs to be held 11th June not 12th.

"Salt of the Earth" Deanery programme was successful and the next programme is by the Bishop and his interest in the Scriptures.

Adult Formation programme is now being advertised on the Deanery website.

7. Youth update: 40 invitations have been sent out for the Confirmation meeting.

8. Any other relevant business: Deanery structuring - Parish priests are 'paired' so if one has to leave the other will cover the parish Fr Jim is paired with St. Mary's, Forest Hall. However there are 4 priests coming back into the Diocese later this year.

9. Date of next meeting 8th May 2011 11.00 a.m.