

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 8th May 2011

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

1. Opening prayer

2. Introduction from the Chair

3. Apologies for absence: Bridget Shepherd, Catherine Dixon, Laura McLeod (studying for exams), Ewa Posner.

4. Minutes of meeting 7th March 2011 were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda: Thanks were given for the arranging of the talk by Pat Devlin, but it was disappointing that so few people attended. It was suggested that the talk could be arranged again for later in the year.

Re Easter events - thanks were made to all who were involved in Lenten lunches and Easter events particularly to the Pritchards and others involved in the social activity after Mass.

6. Adult Formation: The pilot meetings went well and will be repeated next year during Lent as they were well attended.

The next programme, in June, is based on the Eucharist along with a Quiet Day.

There will be a meeting to discuss September's programme, perhaps with a need to look at the new liturgy.

The Readers' afternoon went well, with the young people using a meditation based on the story of woman at the well, readings and exposition for the adults, then both groups coming together.

7. Youth update: As mentioned above, 25 attended the afternoon session and it was suggested that these might be held up to 4 times a year with an idea for a vision statement being set up next year.

There is to be a meeting concerning ongoing youth work in the Diocese.

There may be meetings set up for young people by YMT with Dermot Donnelly in his parish, with the possibility of transport provided.

It was suggested that some financial support be given from the parish in recognition to young parishioners who undertake voluntary work abroad. Other suggestions were put forward such as, sponsors paying for inoculations or, collecting items needed abroad e.g clothing and paying for the additional baggage.

8. Future events: Social events for 2012 - the possible revival of SLOSH (social life of the Sacred Heart) with a notice to go in the bulletin and people to be approached and asked to undertake this.

It was suggested that a calendar be produced and social activities for 2012 be printed on it.

It was recommended that PPC members do their best to attend and support 2012 events.

John Bell, a well known member from the Iona Community, is to come on 23rd/24th Nov 2012 to give a

programme of teaching and music.

It was noted that once again the last users of the hall had not left it tidy for the Marriage Preparation group. It was discussed that the use of the Hall needs to be addressed. Fr Jim offered to liaise with Hall users with the view to setting up a management group.

9th June is the social event for the elderly, which was postponed because of bad weather.

1st July is the Feast of the Sacred Heart with Mass and a social event celebration to follow.

A repeat visit by Cantoris is to be arranged - Sheila Cunningham to arrange this.

9. Any other relevant business: It was suggested that in future PPC meetings be held on Monday evenings as Fr. Jim finds it difficult to fit in baptisms and other meetings.

10. Date of next meeting Monday 4th July 2011 at 7.00 p.m.