



Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council  
Thursday, 12 March 2015

Present

Martin Brennan	Helen Burgess
Siobhan Campbell	Eamonn Diver
Maggie Dullaghan	John Fletcher
Deacon Philip Pugh	Suzanne Yates
Anne Gadsden (PAC)	Anne Anderson – parishioner
Anne Leatherland – parishioner	Peter Leatherland – parishioner
Kate Mansfield – parishioner	

**APOLOGIES**

Canon Denis	John Flanagan
Nicky Paterson	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.	Meeting continued from AGM	
2.	Apologies – as above	
3.	Minutes were passed and agreed that they would be published on website.	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SY still to put in information about large print in the newsletter</li> <li>• Year of Consecrated Life (YCL) SY still to do a bidding prayer for this.</li> <li>• MD suggested that children be more included in liturgy. This lead to some discussion</li> <li>• Suggested we should have a youth Mass on a regular basis</li> <li>• Look at ways of involving children and young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to May agenda</b></li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Standing Items</b></p> <p>Discussion on how to organise this and where it should be on the agenda</p> <p>(i) <b>Health and Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JFle said that all inspections were back up to date, with the annual inspection done an monthly ones happening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If there is an issue in any of the standing items they should be sent to SY prior to meeting</b></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on how to make microphone cord safe – what ever is organised it still needs to be done and should become part of setting up process</li> </ul> <p>(ii) <b>Safeguarding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JFla has resigned but will remain in the role until the new person takes over at the end of April</li> </ul> <p>(iii) <b>Pastoral Area Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelisation – <i>Proclaim</i> and <i>Marriage and the Family</i>. PACs have agreed to support Bishop Peter in this by refectio and prayer</li> </ul> <p>(iv) <b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding item – heating, we are still waiting on a second survey to see what can be done</li> </ul> <p>(v) <b>Social Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next BIG thing is the Easter pilgrimage - all the five churches in our PAC area are participating on five Sundays in May. We are the third of the five walks and it will end at Scared Heart and the fourth walk with start at Sacred Heart. We will provide something to eat at the end. The theme is <i>One Climate, One World</i> and so we need to look for sponsorship. It is a ten mile work with a five mile option</li> </ul> <p>(vi) <b>Social Media</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between 2 and 8 March we had seventy-nine likes. The week before the total was sixty-two. The people engaged were twelve and the week before it was nine.</li> <li>• MD to put Bishop Peter’s clip on Facebook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JFile to look into clips or Velcro</b></li> <li>• <b>Any suggestions please send to MD</b></li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Dates 2015 – All at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated</b>  Thursday 14 May  Thursday 9 July  Thursday 10 September  Thursday 12 November</p> <p>At this meeting we will have a conversation on three topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formation</li> <li>2. Community</li> <li>3. Resources</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to put on agenda at the beginning</b></li> </ul>

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7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fr. Denis's Jubilee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At each mass the weekend before there will be a cake and tea and coffee served</li> <li>- On 15 June there is to be a sung Latin mass and then a reception at Flitwick Village Hall at 8.30 pm</li> <li>- Fr. Denis does not want a gift but individuals can give him a card or a gift if they wish</li> <li>- SY to put information about the event into the local council papers as well as The Fuddler, The Oracle and The Vine</li> <li>- There is a team doing the catering and Catherine Davies is organising it</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Proclaim 15 and Reflection on marriage and the Family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To go on next agenda</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Collections – SY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SY suggested we change the wording leaving out the total amount which is above what is needed each week. It is to be included if under</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>UCAP – MD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The second meeting on the UCAP group went very well</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Technology – SC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SC showed the group two pictures of the elections of the last two popes which is only about ten years apart and the difference was amazing with the number of smart phones being used. Interesting that the election of the Pope is brought into the workplace and this image is being used on a regular basis to show growth in technology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Access – HB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HB mentioned the problem we would have if it was necessary for the fire brigade or an ambulance to get to the church with the way people park. This was discussed but it was felt that if it was a fire the fire truck would just push through</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Trees at back of church – HB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Because of their height it was suggested that they be looked at in case they are unsafe.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to agenda</b></li> <li>• <b>SY to send wording to HD and DPP</b></li> </ul>
8.	The meeting closed at 9.10 pm with prayers led by DPP	