

Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

6th May, 2014 at Our Lady's Belper 2014, 7.30pm

Present: Fr Michael, Bernard Holden, Barbara Wareing, Michael Wright, David Barlow, Anne Halliday, Patricia Lloyd, Niels Richthof, John Wareing, Bernadette Copeland

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies: Sally Phillips

3. Minutes of last meeting: Approved

4. Matters Arising: An application has been made for the training of a new Eucharistic Minister.

5. Spirituality/Sacramental Preparation: The Easter Services were reviewed. The Young Servers deserve special mention for their devoted attention, rising to the demands of each occasion, especially on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil.

The First Holy Communion groups are continuing with their classes.

The Confirmation Group has begun their programme. It is hoped that the date for confirmation will be 1st December, 2014. Monsignor McGovern has the charge of the Diocese until the appointment of a new Bishop.

6. Evangelisation and Mission: The first meeting of the new Prayer Group is to take place in the Mill Street Area. To date, eight parishioners have agreed to participate.

The Newman Reading Group is planning to work on aspects of the Rite of St Augustine, paying particular attention to community living.

RCIA. To date, there are two people who are expressing an interest in the Faith. Fr M is to work with these.

Children's Liturgy. A lot of work goes into the preparation of these sessions; the children seem enthusiastic. It is hoped that more parents will avail themselves of the opportunity to leave their children in the St Benedict Room for the duration. The parents will then be able to participate more fully in the Mass.

Peter Oakley has kindly offered to donate new Candlesticks, in memory of his wife, Mary.

CAFOD: A rep is needed to oversee this within the parish.

Youth Meetings: The group plans a regular monthly meeting, starting this Friday.

7. Ecumenical. Churches Together plan a Pentecost Praise for 7.30pm, June 7th.

Jane and Jannice continue with their dance students, preparing the Belper Flash Mob for Pentecost.

The Duffield Walk of Witness was well-attended.

The Belper Passion Play had a great impact especially for those on the main street; sadly, it would seem that this will not take place next year.

The Cottage Project continues to offer meals for pensioners.

8. Planning and Structure: The Fire door has been repaired and closes easily. Many thanks expressed to Paul for donating his time and expertise here. John J has repaired the broken gutter at Duffield. A special thanks to John Snr for preparing the garden so beautifully for Easter.

It is planned that the walls at St Margaret's will be painted at the end of May. K. Gorman has offered to help with this.

Loft insulation for the house. There may be funds available at the end of the Council's financial year. Michael W is to look into this. Otherwise it is to be hope that the work will be done "in house".

Niels and John are to look at the quotes received for the purchase of a lawnmower; they are to purchase one to store securely at Duffield.

Quotes are coming in for renewing the glass units in the Parish Room and the Ladies' toilets-then the window frames can be re-stained.

David B and Michael W volunteered to stain the church doors and windows. Funds are available for this.

A small TV for the parish house and a big screen TV for the St Benedict room are to be purchased as soon as possible.

David B is to be the Health and Safety Assessor. This is a time-consuming activity; we appreciate this offer. There is no requirement for the Parish to provide a First Aider.

9. Communication. Mr Gritton, the next Head of St Benedict School, is to be invited to introduce himself and meet the parish on 20th July. He may wish to address parents of pupils on Sept 21st. Louise M to discuss these arrangements with him.

The fact that the county will not be providing school buses is a serious cause for concern.

10. Social Events/School Liaison: The Easter egg raffle raised enough funds for the beautiful flower arrangements over Easter.

SVP outing, followed by tea at St Margaret's, is on 17th May.

The Leisure Group enjoyed the visit to Mount Saint Bernard's.

Tea and Coffee is available now every Sunday after Mass.

11. AOB: Anne H is to attend the East Midlands Planning Meeting on Saturday 17th May, examining the collaboration of Clergy and Laity in Evangelisation. The cost is £35. Anyone else wishing to attend, please let Fr M know asap.

12. Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 8th July at SEVEN pm at our Lady's, Belper