

## **MINUTES OF PARISH FORUM MEETING    March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Present:** Mgr John, Mike Bradley, Peter White, Margaret Donnelly, Arnold Marsden, Janet Clegg, Susan White, Peter Donnelly, Daphne Marsden, Teresa & Bernard Mercer, Andrew & Jane Brown, C Muldoon, Anthony Brown, Ena Davies, Marie Valovan, Mark Wiggins, Carole Riley, Grace fellows, Anne Harkin, Debbie Mulcock, Cliff Astin.

**Apologies** Les & Betty Collinson, Lou Marsden, Mary Brown.

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 pm with a prayer. Led by Andrew Brown, we said the Memorare together .

2. Mike welcomed everyone .

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held in November were approved after an amendment and signed as a true record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Amendment: item 7 - Traffic. UK is primarily a destination country .

### **5. Review of Recent Events.**

i) Christian Unity Week. St. Mary's hosted Village Service – it was not well attended but enjoyable. ii) Deanery Mass at Lango. 13 priests con-celebrated, beautiful service but again very poorly attended.

### **6. Healing Mass.**

Peter D apologised to all groups involved for letters which gave the impression that it was an SVP project in the newsletter. All arrangements are in hand, replies to be dealt with at the SVP meeting on Tuesday and transport arranged.

### **7. Holy Week.**

- **Maundy Thursday** 10.30am. Chrism Mass in Salford Cathedral.  
8.00pm. Clitheroe - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
9.00pm Watching with Christ for one hour. 10.00pm Compline
- **Good Friday** 9.00 am Clitheroe, 10.00 am Sabden – Stations of the Cross.  
10.00am Clitheroe, 11.00am Sabden Ecumenical Service followed by the Walk of Witness.  
3.00pm Clitheroe – Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
- **Holy Saturday** 8.00pm Clitheroe – Easter Vigil. 2 Easter Candles will be blessed and there will be 3 Baptisms (1 adult and 2 children)
- **Easter Sunday** Clitheroe 9.30, Sabden 11.00am – Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

### **8. Weld Day**

July 5<sup>th</sup>. This will take the usual format. One Mass at 10.30 at Clitheroe followed by picnic. Mass will be a celebration for all children on Sacramental Programme. Peter D suggested children give the concert they have prepared for their Prayer Friends on

Weld Day to Parishioners. Fr. John will check provision of wine and strawberries (more needed!). A few chairs will be put out for Parishioners unable to stand.

**9. First Communion** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christi weekend. Only 2 children lost from programme because of non attendance. Members noticed that parents now appear to be comfortable and at home while attending Mass.

#### **10. Consultation on Marriage.**

Almost all of 250 questionnaires taken. 20 returned so far.

#### **11. Proclaim 15.**

This is in response to Pope Francis's call to transform our Parishes into Missionary Parishes willing to go out and proclaim the Gospel. First 3 meetings arranged during Lent. 1) Getting to know Jesus. 2) How to be a disciple. 3) How to share. Each session has a case study, a Gospel reading and a reflection followed by questions and discussion. The first meeting has taken place and was very poorly attended. Further events to be planned throughout the year.

#### **12. Dower House.**

This is now being lived in and is rented out through Estate Agent who manages everything. £26,000 spent already but this will be recovered through rent and then the house will be further improved.

#### **13. Presbytery Update.**

Kitchen is being redeveloped with proper facilities and a downstairs toilet. Room next to kitchen to be redeveloped to provide a parlour with direct access to the front door.

#### **14. Church Cushions.**

The consensus of opinion was that the trial cushions are not comfortable. Forum agreed that no more cushions will be purchased. We will look towards the refurbishment of the benches.

#### **15. Group Reports.**

**Traffick** (Anthony Brown) Since the last Forum

- Fr Corcoran has given his wholehearted support.
- Around 30 people on the list, please add to it, I'm not asking for any more commitment than to receive emails though some may want to do more in time
- Since the last forum I have sent out 16 emails for information and to provoke thought
- Gave out over 200 prayer cards/bookmarks on the feast day of Saint Bakhita
- Parish website now has a combating trafficking page under groups which has 7 subpages currently being developed
- I am Salford diocesan representative for the Medaille Trust which has two strands
- schools pack which will be sent to all secondary Catholic schools in the Diocese (already launched in three other dioceses)
- Mass appeals throughout the Diocese

- Aiming to get to young people and following successful talks in Corpus Christi School, Preston last year we are following up two approaches to us:
- Moorlands RE GCSE group
- Baptist Youth Group
- Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) – had two meetings in Salford organised by Mark Wiggin with the Parish represented on the trafficking part of the agenda
- DCI Sean Hall who is a member of our Parish Combating Trafficking Group has launched an over arching Human Trafficking operation across East Lancashire under the name of Operation Proteus
- Next Medaille magazine is due out soon so please take as many of the current ones as you can to give to people

### **Ladies Group**

Coffee morning to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April in Mayor's Parlour. Proceeds for Ribble Valley food bank .Tickets will be sold and gifts requested.

### **SVP**

7.30pm Mass for deceased members on March 13<sup>th</sup>. DC meeting at SMSJ on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March starting with Mass at 7pm. Sunday after Easter - Festival at Thornleigh with Bishop John. All welcome.

### **Lourdes**

24 people attended meeting and were given forms and information. Deposit to be in by Tues March 17<sup>th</sup>. Parish to join Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage.

### **16. AOB**

**Parish Draw** is struggling. The number of participants has dropped significantly in the last six years and it is estimated that there will only be approximately 240. We have lost several agents through death and ill health. £175 is given out monthly in prizes and there are insufficient helpers to collect money (agents). Mike proposed that the subscription is raised to £20 a year. Janet Clegg, Arnold Marsden, Anne Harkin, Bernard Mercer and Debbie Mulcock agreed to be agents and to meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the presbytery.

**Funerals.** Following a discussion at a recent SVP meeting Fr. John asked parishioners at Funerals to sit at the front on the left of Church and to come up for Communion immediately. This is to help mourners who are not familiar with a Catholic Service.

### **17. Date and Venue of next Meeting**

Clitheroe	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Sabden	1 <sup>st</sup> July	7.30pm
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The meeting closed at 9.00 pm