

Minutes of the Parish Forum held on Wed. Sept 11th 2013

Present:

Peter White (Chair), Rev. J. Corcoran, Fr Frankie Mulgrew, Elsie Thomson, Carol Waterworth, Amanda Taylor, Janet Hall, Sion Hall, Carol Riley, Fane Brown, Pat Whitwell, Cliff Astin, Chris Carr, Betty Collinson, Ena Davies, Marie Valovin, Daphne Marsden, Lou Marsden, Michael Pilling, Bernard Mercer, D.Wharton, Andrew Brown, Caroline Muldoon, Susan White, Arnold Marsden, Peter Donnelly, Teresa Mercer, Maureen Mercer, Janet Clegg,

Apologies: Margaret Parsons, Les Collinson, Michael Bradley

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 with a prayer led by Fr Frankie

2. Peter W. welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

Les Collinson, Marg. Donnelly, Patsy Holgate, Marg. Parsons, V. Dawson, Andrew Brown, Marg. Wayling.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on May 15th had not been circulated so could not be approved. Fr. John and Peter W. had copies.

4. Matters arising

- ❖ **Clock** in hall to be replaced . New clock will be over the bar.
- ❖ Lack of microphone on **Weld Day** made it difficult for people to hear. Fr. John was unwell on that day.
- ❖ **Defibrillators** now in confessional in SMSJ church and in the music box on the stage in the Social centre.
- ❖ **Baptism Preparation.** 3 volunteers in Sabden and one (Bernard Warren) in Clitheroe
- ❖ **Website,** Fr.John to speak to Craig
- ❖ **Right to Life Walk.** Lord Alton and Jane Dobbins took part but not Bishop Kelly..

5. Review of Recent Events.

- ❖ **Confirmation.** May be moved to 12noon on Sunday. **First Communion** will be at the end of May on Saturday at 11am in SMSJ.
- ❖ **Cemetery Mass.** Fr. John said we seemed to have reached a peak with numbers. Chris Carr asked if the date could be changed as it often clashed with Stoneyhurst Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
- ❖ **Fr. Birmingham's 80th Birthday.** Mass was concelebrated with Fr. Waring, Fr. Birmingham and Fr. Corcoran

6. Mass of Healing.

Held on 30th June, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Planned for June 29th 2014 but a second Mass has been requested and M. Mercer suggested having them in May and October.

7. Baptism Preparation.

See Matters arising.

8. R.C.I.A

Programme to commence on Thurs. Sept 25th for one hour at SMSJs. 4 people are already interested. Fr. John is basing the course on Evangelium. Fr. is looking for accompaniers, ie. people to keep contact with each person on the programme. Sam Smith to be an accompanier but more needed.

9. Church Benches.

Ladies Group have investigated lots of samples of cushions. Safe Foam of Preston have been asked to send a rep. £110 per bench for 6 benches. A section of benches are to be removed from each of front of centre benches to accommodate wheelchairs. Fr. John is still receiving donations for the refurbishment of the benches.

The red carpet and wood extension on the bottom step of the altar are to be removed and marble edge to be repaired.

10. Sabden Car Park.

A new resident is asking for right of way to the rear of his property through the car park. This would mean the loss of 10 parking spaces. Resident has repaired fencing after building work to the rear of his house but this is a hotchpotch, not a good job and presents a health and safety hazard to children playing on the car park. Peter Donnelly pointed out that churches in Preston near to the hospital and football ground have a barrier system. Arnold proposed that Fr. John should say "NO". Fr. to write refusing permission for a gate and request that they stop parking. Fr. to meet the 2 gentlemen who came to the Forum thinking that the meeting was about the car park.

11. Church Services & Fr. Frankie's role.

There will now be Mass at 9 am and 7.30 pm on Thursdays. No other extra Masses. Fr. John is hoping to spend some Sundays on Deanery work.

Baptisms in Clitheroe to be moved to 12 noon.

People to be trained to take Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist in emergencies. (This is a Deanery project).

Hopefully, Fr. Frankie will be with us for 3 years.

12. Advent & Christmas Services.

Christmas Masses will be at the same times as in 2012

13. Service of Light.

This will take place in SMSJs on 2nd Sunday of Advent. Sabden's Service is an Ecumenical service with many of the villagers attending. Sabden Churches take it in turns to hold this Service.

14. Christmas Fayre.

11 am on Saturday 30th November in Clitheroe. 2 pm on Saturday December 7th in Sabden.

15. HCPT. Walk

1.30 pm on Sunday 29th September. 8 mile walk. Money raised to take handicapped children to Lourdes. This year money is urgently needed to replace wheelchairs lost or damaged in the floods in Lourdes.

16. Signage

£122 paid for preliminary work for signs for SMSJ. Proof of signs and details of where they are to be placed are to be obtained before more money is paid for the actual signs. Hopefully this will be completed within 6 weeks.

17. School Report.

Fr. John read out a letter and report from Mrs Sarah Healey, the new associate Head of our Clitheroe Primary School.

- ❖ **School Leavers.** 26 Yr 6 pupils transferred to High Schools. 24 went to St. Augustine's, one to Bowland High, and one to United Arab Emirates. One Yr 5 and one Reception pupil left to attend other Primary Schools.
- ❖ 31 children started in Reception in September. 2 pupils joined Yr 1, and there is one new pupil in each of Yr 3 and Yr 5.
- ❖ **PTA.** Events planned are Chocolate Bingo on Sept 20th, Autumn Family Night on Oct 25th, and Christmas Fair on Dec 6th. PTA are raising funds for outdoor clothing for reception children and for an outdoor classroom and trim trail.
- ❖ School to set up a food bank collection point and this years harvest food will be given to the food bank.
- ❖ Letter re: HCPT sponsored walk and sponsorship forms to be sent to parents.
- ❖ Mrs Jackson to run a First Aid Course on Thurs Sept 26th in school hall from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Parishioners welcome.

18. Social Centre Redevelopment.

A committee meeting was held 2 months ago with Ricky Davies, consultant for Church Social centres. Hall will be run as a commercial venture. Set menus to be offered at a reasonable rate for parties, Baptisms and funerals. Hope is that within the next year the fortunes of the social centre will be turned round. 3 set menus with DJ for entertainment to be available at the end of the month.

19. Reports

- ❖ **Cafod.** Harvest Fast Day – Fri. Oct. 4th. Hurst Green Stall – Sunday Oct 27th, open 9 am till 4 pm , refreshments all day. Cafod participate in parish Christmas Fayre.
- ❖ **Food bank.** In the 8 weeks since the opening of the food bank 215 families have been fed. This equates to 2000 meals, 6000 items of food being given out. There is a need. A satellite food bank will be opening in Longridge soon. At present food is taken there to needy families. Before the opening of the food bank donations were given to the salvation army. Ensign thanked Catholics for their donations.
- ❖ This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. Leaflets will be available for parishioners to take to anyone who may be interested in returning to the church.
- ❖ Flower festival on 12th & 13th Oct. at St. Nicholas, Sabden to celebrate the refurbishment and rebuilding.

20. Date of Next Meeting

November 20th

7.30 pm

Clitheroe

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm