

## Minutes of the Parish Forum held on Wed. March 20th 2013

### **Present:**

Peter White (Chair), Rev. J. Corcoran, Margaret Donnelly, Susan White, Arnold Marsden, Peter Donnelly, Lou Marsden, Teresa Mercer, Bernard Mercer, Maureen Mercer, Andy Brown, Les Collinson, Jane Brown, Andrew Brown, Peter Sutcliffe, Janet Clegg, Betty Collinson, Carol Riley, Patsy Holgate, Mary Manning, Michael Bradley, Marie Valovin, Chris Carr, Elsie Thomson, Daphne Marsden, Ena Davies, Carol Waterworth, Philip Byrne, Judith Byrne, Vincent Murray.

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 with a prayer led by Peter D. Peter W. welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies:**

Joan and Chris Leeming, Margaret Parsons.

3. **Minutes** of the meeting of Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters arising**

Clock in hall has not yet been adapted, matter to be referred to the Social Centre Committee

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

- ❖ **Lenten Masses.** Peter D suggested that next Lent we might have a Deanery Mass. Fr. said that people would not attend in our deanery because of the geography and distances but he will put the suggestion to the clergy at the next deanery meeting.
- ❖ **Sabden Stations.** These have been supported by Clitheroe.
- ❖ **Day of Prayer for Life.** This was very poorly supported but Arnold does not feel that the length of time should be reduced.

### **6. Reaching non churchgoing Catholics.**

Andy and Suzanne attended the meeting held at St. Mary's Leyland, Sat Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. 250 people attended and the day dealt with exploring ways of evangelising non church going catholics. Some suggestions were: i) to target different groups, ii) develop our own knowledge of the faith, iii) develop a deeper sense of community, iv) work with parents of children at school, v) invite people to special services, vi) links after funerals, baptisms and weddings, vii) contact with people who use Social centre. Andy would like to form a group to pursue ideas and Fr. suggested that we do this immediately on a parish basis to develop strategies. Jane Brown volunteered.

### **7. Food Bank**

Mike Bradley reported. Trinity are to provide premises. Room is being prepared and a Management Body formed which can have charitable status. Food Bank is to open at the end of June. People will be referred by social services, police etc. and the store will open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 11am and 2pm. Trussel Trust will be paid to provide advice and support to ensure smooth running. Immediate funding of £5750 is required for the first year and costs for the future will increase – may reach £7000. The Board of Trustees will consist of 8 members, one representative from each church, one from the Grand and one from the CCP. As soon as we know the types of food needed we will start donating at Sunday Mass.

### **8. Holy Week**

On Palm Sunday the procession will be in Sabden with blessing of palms at Clitheroe. Mass of Chrism in Salford Cathedral at 10am on Maundy Thursday, tickets taken by parishioners. Mass of Lord's Supper at 8pm in Clitheroe followed by watching. Fire at the Easter Vigil will be lit outside the presbytery and there will be renewal of baptismal promises at Sunday morning Mass. Good Friday morning ecumenical service is in St James this year. Details of all services will be in news letter and on the notice board.

### **9. Day of prayer for Vocations.**

This should have taken place on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Will be listed for next year.

### **10. Frankie's Ordination.**

**Bus** will leave Clitheroe Interchange at 9.30am, pick up at Sabden at 9.50am. Everyone must be seated together by 11.30am. and service will end at 1.30pm. Refreshments follow, coach leaves to return at 3.30pm. Cost £6. **Gift.** Ladies to arrange a Social Function at which we will present Frankie with a spiritual bouquet and a cheque. Maureen M. to organise spiritual bouquet and Margaret D. to arrange collection.

### **11. Defibrillator**

Ladies have collected £80 from a book sale and are having a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour on 20<sup>th</sup> April to raise money towards this. School are having a raffle to be drawn on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and hope to raise £1000. One family have already donated half the cost of one defibrillator and school have one on permanent loan. This is to be into the confessional in church as soon as possible. Defibrillator can be used by anyone in emergency. There will be training in school on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March and all are welcome to attend. It is planned that we have 3 defibrillators, one in school, one in church and one in the social centre.

### **12. Weld Day.**

Held on first Sunday in July. This year it is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Programme as previous years. Youth should be encouraged to come and it was suggested that this may be done through St. Augustine's chaplains but was left in abeyance. It was agreed that it was inappropriate to hold a grand raffle on Weld Day.

### **13. Mass of Healing.**

Date set for this, Mass to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Margaret D to check social centre hall availability.

### **14. United Reform 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

Letter received from Elizabeth Campbell, Sec of United Reform Church. The church will be open on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a display of memorabilia. On 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a walk at 2.30 from Pendleton Village Carpark followed by a fish supper. 3pm Sunday Service will be followed by refreshments. Jane Brown agreed to be the official representative of the parish.

### **15. Counting Rotas.**

Rota has been set up in Sabden. More counters are needed for Sundays in Clitheroe. 2 people should work together. Please let Fr. know if able to do this.

### **16. BBQ Catholic Representative.**

After some discussion the meeting agreed that we would not be involved with this as a parish. Fr. to let St. James know that we have no representative.

### **17. Church Benches**

Bench is now back in church, stripped and refinished. It looks good but cost not yet known. Maureen M strongly requested that we did not have names of people on benches. Margaret D pointed out that if we proceeded with the refurbishment it did not help people with mobility difficulties. Fr. said that he planned to remove 2 benches on each side to make more room. No decision was made re. the benches.

### **18. Christmas Fair.**

Dates set. Sabden's is always 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in Dec. Clitheroe 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. this year (last Sat in Nov)

## 19. School Reports.

- ❖ Defibrillator – see item 11
- ❖ Rainbows Bereavement Support has been taken on board and 2 groups have already been completed.
- ❖ Reconciliation was on March 5<sup>th</sup> , Confirmation is on 25<sup>th</sup> April and First Communion on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ A successful Maths evening held with a maths lesson for parents.
- ❖ Admissions – 57 names appeals are inevitable.
- ❖ Summer Ball to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- ❖ Vincent and Claire presented Lent talks together and plan to do more joint activities.

## 20. Reports

- a) Website – no report
- b) Street Signage. Mike B has been chasing the Council for a year. Ann Douglas has agreed to signs but we may have to contribute. Watch this space!
- c) Vocation Sponsorship. Knights have this in hand. AQ named 3<sup>rd</sup> World seminarian will be sponsored for the last 4 years of training.
- d) Sabden Parking needs addressing but left till next meeting.
- e) SVP. Rae Carter, President, recently died. Family asked for donations to local SVP and to date £800 has been received. 2 pupils have already been helped to go on a school visit. Peter Kok is the new President.
- f) KSC. All events are in the news letter. Peter S has completed his 3 years as Grand Knight. Mike Bradley succeeds him. Peter thanked everyone for their support. Peter was given applause for his work.
- g) Ladies Group. Carol Riley is the new Chairperson. Daphne was thanked with applause for her work as Chairperson.
- h) Pro-Life. Sponsored walk on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.
- i) Sabden. Bingo March 21<sup>st</sup>. St. Georges Day event to be held. Antique valuing day to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. from 10am. £1 for an expert to value your treasures.

**21. Date of Next Meeting.**      **Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> May at Clitheroe.** Finance report -ready for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

