

MINUTES OF PARISH FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2015

PRESENT: Mgr J Corcoran, M.Bradley, M.Donnely, B.Mercer, J.Clegg, M.Valovin, D.Marsden. B.Collinson, S.White, P.White, E.Marsden, C.Carr, A.Taylor, P.Donnely, S.Shore, A.Marsden, L.Marsden, P.Sutcliffe, P.Byrne, J.Byrne, L.Collinson, M.Smith, S.Smith, Andy Brown, D.Buggie, Anthony Brown, C.Muldoon

Apologies Mary Brown, Carol Waterworth, Teresa Mercer, Mark Wiggins.

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 pm with a prayer, led by Peter D, to the Holy Spirit asking for guidance.

2. Mike welcomed everyone and specially welcomed Elaine Marsden from St. Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge.

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held in March were approved and signed as a true record after an amendment to item 16. (*those named agreed to form a committee not be agents*) A further amendment to Traffic was submitted at the end of the meeting

4. Matters Arising

Funerals: The new procedure of parishioners coming to the front of the Church is a positive move. Fr. J. emphasized that parishioners come straight up to Communion.

5. Review of Recent Events.

- Easter Services. All well attended, enjoyable and prayerful. Good Friday ecumenical service was very well received with very positive comments from other churches including being "the best" ever. It was noted that at our 3pm Service on Good Friday only one Cross should be used for the Veneration of the Cross because of Rubrics and that the kneeler for the Cross be put on the first broad step. Stations of the Cross were poorly supported especially those led by young people.
- Proclaim 15. 3 sessions were held and were attended by 12, 20, and 12 people, at consecutive sessions. The sessions were lay led and the feed back was excellent. Those who came found it extremely beneficial to discuss their faith. Proclaim 15 groups have a meeting with Bishop John to discuss the project.
- Marriage Questionnaire. 33 responses of which 50% were females aged 55+. Nobody below the age of 30 responded. Analysis completed by Mike Smith has been sent to the Bishop. It was commented that questions were too "open". Responses received overwhelmingly affirmed the value of Marriage.
- Announcements after Masses. Forum agreed that these take place before Eucharistic Ministers are given the Eucharist and that Fr. J. asks the congregation to sit for the benefit of people unable to stand for long.

6. Fr. Frankie's Departure.

Both schools will hold a special assembly to thank Fr. Frankie. After discussion, Forum agreed that we would hold a Parish event with buffet supper, entertainment and presentation. Kevin Shepherd to provide supper, paid for by the Parish. Caroline M to ask St. Augustine's Swing Band to entertain and Sam S. to ask SMSJ's school choir to sing. Susan W. to organize a "memories" photo book and Chris Carr to

contact Maureen Mercer re. Spiritual bouquet. Carol Waterworth will make a cake. Margaret D to arrange financial collection. Susan, Sam, G. Lambert and Margaret to co-ordinate event.

Date of presentation: **Sunday May 31st 7.30pm**

7. Parish Draw. Group met and suggested that the draw is re-launched in September at £20 a year with a minimum of 180 members. At least 10 agents will be needed. Forum agreed to the proposal.

8. Restructured Parish Forum.

Everyone agreed that refreshments before the meeting, new seating arrangement and shortened agenda were positive moves and should be continued. It is important that all comments are made through the Chair. 5 minutes to be allocated for brief, relevant reports and notices from groups.

9. AOB.

- Finance Committee will be considering Parish Giving and Gift Aid at their next meeting.
- Food Bank volunteer had enquired about use of our kitchen for cookery classes. CCP. have, however, already agreed that Trinity kitchen be used for this purpose.
- Craig to be consulted about the Forum Minutes being put on the website.
- St. Mary's Sabden have removed the astra turf. A stone circle, donated by N.W. Reclamation, has been installed. Many thanks to N.W. Reclamation.

10. Date and Venue of next Meetings

Sabden	1 st July	7.30pm	Clitheroe	16 th Sept	7.30pm
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The meeting closed at 8.35 pm