

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 10th February 2011

PRESENT: John Sanders John Ballard Tom Regan
 Linda Nolan Ann Bassett
 June Blakemore Sarah Down

1. **APOLOGIES:** George and Mary Phillips
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Forrester's Fund for Children: The request for support for the Forrester's children's charity was looked at. It was agreed by the PCG that it should be placed with requests from other charities for consideration as one of our nominated charities for Lenten Alms

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

The ***Cafod Connect 2 Project*** is being presented to the Parish at all Masses this weekend. The Parish will then have an opportunity to vote for a particular country to receive support from the money given through the Cafod Copper Jar. Tom Regan expressed a sense of disquiet in relation to giving in such a specific way, fearing that it was channelling giving away from other areas of need in the world. John Ballard reassured him that the Connect 2 initiative only involved the Copper Jar, not the main Family Fast Day giving and that it would not take away from the parish's giving for emergency appeals and areas of great need in the world. He also confirmed that this project would be reviewed after 1 – 2 yrs. It was felt, overall, that this initiative gave the opportunity for of a more focused and involved way of giving.

Lenten Alms: It was agreed that, because many local charities will suffer on account of the Cornwall Council cut backs, the parish would support local charities through our Lenten Alms giving this year. The PCG unanimously agreed that ***Mount Edgecumbe Hospice*** and ***The Cornwall Music Therapy Trust*** should be nominated.

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Heating System: George Phillips sent a report to the PCG updating the current position of the Heating in the church. The new heating system has experienced a number of teething problems, largely due to the increased pressure at which the new boiler operates. This is putting a greater strain on the existing pipe work and has produced a number of leaks. He pointed out that it was also essential that people did not interfere with the controls and timing panel. He commented that it would help if, before all weekend and other Masses, the outside doors should be kept closed not left wide open. Tom Regan suggested that there should be a note in the Narthex to remind people of this.

Tree Pruning: Tom Regan reported that major pruning to the trees around the church had been carried out and the all the debris had been largely removed.

Car Park: 'No Parking' signs have been ordered for the outside of the gate posts and will be put up as soon as they arrive. The problem of unofficially parked cars will be reviewed if the signs do not help solve this problem. Letters will be sent to the various identifiable regular users of the Car park. The difficulties caused by the Mount Charles School parents' use of the car park, especially in relation to the disabled bays, was raised. The PCG was reminded that in the past, Fr. Robert was not only anxious to maintain friendly relations with our

neighbours but also to help keep children safe when they are being taken and fetched from school. It was a question of maintaining a balance between our own needs and the needs of the wider community.

Balance sheet from Sewing Group: Ann Bassett gave a resume of the balance sheet. She reported that the parish had paid for the Advent banners and that the company who printed the Papal banner made no charge because of a mistake made in printing the banner. The Sewing group are planning to continue making enough new Advent banners for each pillar in the church and then to start making banners for the season of Lent. John thanked Ann, on behalf of the Parish, for the group's work in producing such lovely banners.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS

Sarah Down reported that Fr. Paul had approved a concert on Saturday 18th June at 7.30pm by St. Mewan Sinfonia, the net proceeds to be shared equally between the church and Mount Edgecumbe Hospice. The PCG agreed that this was a worthwhile fundraising event for the summer.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

John Sanders reported that the CTSA Bibles for Schools initiative had run into difficulties because of publishing problems and had been put on hold for the time being. He reminded the PCG that this initiative had not been supported by the parish on account of concerns of being seen to apostasize children of other backgrounds and faiths. It also might be a enforced gift which would then be put straight in the bin or, at best, the back of the bookshelf. It was felt that there were better ways of introducing children to Christian faith and the Bible. Ann Bassett reported some of the comments she had received about the CTSA service in St. Augustine's in January. John Sanders and John Ballard both commented that a feature and benefit of an ecumenical service was that different ways of expressing worship were experienced and that a balance between all the different traditions gathered together on that occasion had to be maintained. Deacon John also said that it was likely the St. Augustine's would be used again next year. Our building, warmth of welcome and car parking facilities makes it an ideal venue!

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bishop Christopher's Seminarian Appeal Fund: Tom Regan reported that there would be a diocesan-wide appeal for this newly set up fund that marks Bishop Christopher's Silver Jubilee. This will take place on the weekend of 26th/27th February at all masses. At present the diocese has nine Seminarians and this is likely to increase by another three in September. They are very expensive to fund and the Diocese is looking for people to commit to standing orders – a long term commitment of approximately 5 - 6 yrs.

Future of PCG: It was agreed that Fr. Paul needs a few months to settle into the Parish and get to know people well before the future of the PCG and its members is reviewed.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th March 2011

