

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 10th March 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Paul John Sanders John Ballard
 Tom Regan Ann Bassett Kathy Pope
 Sarah Down

1. **APOLOGIES:** George and Mary Phillips, Linda Nolan, June Blakemore

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

The request from the Heating Committee for the church entrance doors to remain closed at the beginning of weekend masses in order to retain the heat in the church has proved successful. However there is a need for the Welcomers to be aware of the needs of wheelchair users – doors need to be opened for them!

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **CWL Lenten Lunch-** date agreed for 27th March after 10.30am Mass
- **Prize Bingo** – request to be considered at next meeting

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

John Ballard reported that the J&P Group were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Pat Whitehouse.

The **Cafod Connect 2 Project** presentation was extremely successful with a good percentage of the parish responding in making a choice of area to support with Ethiopia having a clear vote. We are awaiting more information about the needs in Ethiopia. The Cafod Copper Jar money will now be sent to support CAFOD's work in Ethiopia and its label has been changed.

Lenten Alms: Mount Edgecumbe Hospice and **The Cornwall Music Therapy Trust** are the charities being supported by our Lenten Alms this year. John Ballard reported that Angela Alderman is going to prepare small collection envelopes for parishioners to use. **The Fairtrade Cafe** was well supported this year.

Recruitment for J&P Group: John Ballard is going to prepare a short piece to go in the newsletter.

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**

The RCES Diocesan Group has made their annual inspection of the church's Health and Safety measures. John Sanders was very pleased to report that we have a clean bill of health and that the inspector was very complimentary about the church's attitude to Health and Safety. Fr. Paul thanked John Sanders and Tom Regan for their work and care in this area. Tom Regan reported that the Heating System is now functioning efficiently. The new car park signs are having a moderating effect on the use of the car park by outside sources! Fr. Paul reported that the 'abandoned car' by the gate is under review. Woodland house has been in contact with the Parish Office and has been requested to use the far spaces in the inner bay of the car park.

It was mentioned that the benches in the church nearest to the reconciliation room are a little close together. John Sanders is going to look into this and move them further apart if needed.

7. **SOCIAL MATTERS**

Fr. Paul outlined to the PGG his plans for a Parish Social Celebration on 4th June to draw the period of Lent and Easter to a close. He said that an important part of his ministry was to enable the parish to know each other socially so that they may draw closer together and better care for each other as a Christian family. He suggested that we have two major celebrations in the year, commencing with the one in June. He will put together a team to organise this event. The Cloth of Pain will be burned and the ashes buried in the Garden of Remembrance after 6pm Mass on 4th June and then the parish will have a real celebratory party. There will be no 8.30 am Mass that weekend to encourage the parish family to meet as one worshipping community on the Saturday evening. The money from the plant sale will be used to fund the celebration. Each member of the parish will be encouraged to contribute to the Plant Sale by donating at least one plant – the aim is to get as many people involved as possible. The second Parish Celebration will take place on St. Augustine's Feast Day and, once again, parishioners will be encouraged to join together as a family to worship at 6pm Mass on the Saturday evening - there will be no Sunday morning 8.30am Mass. Fr. Paul expressed his desire to say thank you to the parish, in this way, for all the loving commitment given to the life of our Church. He emphasised the importance of giving back to people and community rather than constantly taking from them. Deacon John agreed that all means of that pulling us together as a community were of great importance in our parish life. Kathy Pope mentioned the idea of having a 'Parish Community Photograph Board' to help introduce people to each other.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Kathy Pope suggested that our aim and desire for this year should be that, as a church, we should not do alone what we can do together with others in the wider Christian Church. Fr. Paul mentioned the admission of the Cornish Ordinariate Group into the family of St. Augustine's. He explained that they had been welcomed into our church on Ash Wednesday and were going to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Their pastor, Fr. John Greatbatch will be ordained as a Catholic priest at Pentecost and will then serve as Fr. Paul's curate. Kathy commented that there was a certain amount of disquiet about the formation of the Ordinariate amongst the other Christian churches in the town, that it put into question the Roman Catholic Church's commitment to working together with them. Fr. Paul told the PCG that he would welcome the Ordinariate Group publically at all weekend Masses and explain what he knows about their anticipated role in the parish.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bishop Christopher's Pastoral Visitation – 26th/27th March. Bishop Christopher will meet the PCG at 3pm on Sunday.

STAK: John Ballard requested that the Diocesan Trustees should be approached formally to find out what has happened about the promised grant for the work of STAK.

Parish Website: It was agreed that the weekly newsletter should be available on the website. This would help parishioners, who were not able to go to Mass for any reason, to keep in touch. It was felt that website needed updating with the possibility of having a parish 'blog', photos of parish events etc. The importance of having a photographic record of our parish life was emphasised.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday April 14th 2011

