

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 16th July 2013

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
George Phillips	Mary Phillips	Kathy Pope
Margaret Eustice	Jackie Foster	June Blakemore
Sarah Down		

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Tom Regan, Linda Nolan
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** Kathy Pope reported on the success of the Par Churches Together 'beach service' but commented that it was disappointing that there were so few St. Augustine's parishioners there. She added that this was consistent with the Roman Catholic presence at most Par Churches Together events. Kathy also mentioned the forthcoming Interchurch Family conference in August on 'Christian Marriage in the 21st Century'. She reported on the success of the Buddhist 'Wesak' celebration at the Dor Kemmyn site at Penmount. Anne Bassett commented on the success of the White River Gospel Concert.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

Jacqui Foster presented the minutes of the Justice and Peace Group's March meeting. The feedback from the PCG on the Justice and Peace Group's recent leaflet was very positive, members feeling that the leaflet raised awareness of the group's work with the disadvantaged in society and that it was also provided a means of recruitment to the group. As the leaflet is intended to highlight a broad spectrum of social issues it was agreed that it be renamed 'Social Action' and should be produced on a regular basis (possibly four times a year) so that social justice concerns are kept well in mind. The Justice and Peace Group hope that the next issue will be available for summer visitors as well as our own parishioners. It was confirmed that the leaflet has also been placed on the Parish website.
6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**

The piping for the heating system that feeds the radiators in both Sacristies, the Reconciliation Room and Cuthbert Mayne Room has now been put above ground for ease of identifying leaks, repairs and general maintenance. The drainage grids in front of the disabled parking bays at the front of the church are going to be renewed during August. This is a costly but essential maintenance project. The damaged stained glass window in the Priest's Sacristy is in the process of being repaired and it is hoped that it will be back in place in the next few weeks. It is planned to have a programme of redecoration for all the peripheral areas of the church and Tom Regan is at present obtaining estimates for that work.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **St. Augustine's Feast Day, Wednesday 28th August**

The PCG agreed that last year's format for St. Augustine's Feast Day worked well and should be repeated this year. The church will be open for Exposition all day and parishioners will be asked to volunteer to man the church and offer tea and coffee in the Narthex during the day. The day will end with Mass at 7.00pm. Fr. Peter and Fr. John will concelebrate as it would normally be the Ordinariate Mass. The Feast Day will be rounded off with 'bring a plate' parish supper.

- **Harvest Thanksgiving**

It was agreed that there should be a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass again this year, the date to be fixed for a Tuesday evening towards end of September/beginning October. This will be followed by a Pasty supper and Quiz night. Peter Shaw is to be asked whether he is willing to organize the quiz again.

- The Ordinariate Group would like to have another Quiz night to raise funds for both themselves and the Parish and it was agreed that this should be delayed until early next year.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jacqui Foster gave a brief review of the last CTSA meeting. She mentioned the success of 'Praise in the Park' the opening event of St. Austell's Feast week. The CTSA Lent Studies and the Good Friday Walk of Witness are under review. The bibles are now distributed to the schools. Jacqui and Fr. John took them to Charlestown School. The CTSA Forum in September is being hosted by the Baptist Church this year with a possible focus of, 'Healing on the Streets', an initiative that is already in place in Truro. Derek Balsden, the Methodist minister, will have his final leaving service at St. John's on Sunday. Amanda Banner has now left as leader of the Salvation Army in St. Austell and has been replaced by Ruth Evans.
- **Par Churches Together:** Kathy Pope suggested that, as a parish, we should invite our fellow Christian brothers and sisters of other Christian traditions to more of our own parish events, i.e. the Harvest thanksgiving and Quiz night.
- **Churches Together in Cornwall:** Kathy Pope reported that the focus of the CTC Enewsletter this month is 'Interchurch Families', prior to the Interchurch Family conference in Swanwick in August.
- **Inter Church Families:** Annual conference at Swanwick, 24th – 26th August, 'Christian Marriage in 21st Century'. Kathy offered to give a report on the conference and this will be put on the agenda for the next PCG meeting in September.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Hymn Books:** It is proposed to replace the current 'tired and distressed' hymn books. As this is going to be a costly outlay for the parish, Fr. Peter suggested that parishioners might be asked to contribute to the cost of replacement and that a collection box be placed in the Narthex for donations. George Phillips also suggested that the proceeds of the Mevagissey Male Choir Concert in the autumn could go towards the hymn book 'fund'. After discussion it was agreed that a donation box should be available in the Narthex.

- **Restructuring of PCG:** Fr. Peter gave out copies of his draft plans for restructuring for PCG members to consider before the next meeting. He suggested that the PCG should be renamed the Parish Pastoral Council as this better reflected the advisory and consultative role of the Council rather than being a 'management committee'. He briefly outlined his plans for membership recruitment and it was agreed that, alongside priests, deacons and the parish treasurer, the parish safeguarding representatives should be appointed as ex-officio members of the council. Other members of the PPC would be appointed from the main parish groups. The Parish Priest will have the right to appoint up to four extra members to represent other areas of Parish life that do not have representation through those groups. It was agreed that, with their permission, the parish safeguarding representatives should have their photographs displayed on one of the church notice boards so that parishioners could easily identify them. Fr. Peter requested that the PCG should consider his draft and any suggestions for amendment should be given to him at least two weeks prior to the next meeting.
- **Safeguarding Representatives:** It was suggested that, with their permission, the Parish Safeguarding Representatives should have their photographs displayed on the notice board in the Porch so that they could be easily identified by members of the Parish.
- **Old Church Banners:** A new 'home' is needed for seven unused Lent/Advent banners which have now been replaced by new ones. It was suggested that they could be offered to churches in the Deanery and the member churches of 'Churches Together in St. Austell'. It was also suggested that they could be advertised on the parish website. Ann Bassett also mentioned that the Knights of St. Columba have been requesting donations of large statues, vestments etc to send abroad, but that unfortunately their centre for redistribution was in Coventry.
- **Parish Newsletter:** There was a query as to whether the newsletter should be available to parishioners before all the weekend masses. This is going to be looked into.

Deacon John closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 17th September 2013 at 7.30pm