

ST BERNADINES PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 May 2010

Fr Dan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Fr Dan, John Lovelock, Margaret Vince (Chair), Chris Kneafsey, Nick Mohan Clare Murray, Maggie Shinkwin, Irene and Peter Wright Liz Watson,

1. **Apologies:** Ron Cockayne, Louise Goll,
2. **Matters arising from meeting of 15 April 2010**

Nothing to report.

3. **Father Dan's points:**

The Bishop will be visiting next Friday for Confirmation. The Dean of MK South Pastoral area, Fr Michael Harrison, has sent out a letter to update parishes with the progress of the "Walking Humbly" process. An important area of discussion is the expected future loss of priests and how it is to be managed, including how Mass times could be co-ordinated throughout the Deanery.

4. **Reports**

Catechists – Maggie

- Preparations for Children's Mass on 23rd May – Pentecost Sunday. Final Mass of Preparation for the Communion Group.
- Meeting of Catechists after the session this Saturday to look at, among other things, Safeguarding. Kate Taylor-Duke from the diocese will come to talk to us and ensure that our paperwork and procedures are in place.

Confirmation

- Mass of Sending Forth last Sunday. These masses mean a lot to the group.
- Final preparation session this Sunday afternoon in the Parish Room and rehearsal in the church. The cake has been ordered!
- I want to record my gratitude to the Confirmation catechists, Jim Jacobson, Gerry Loftus, John and several members of the Youth Group for their support and commitment through the whole programme.
- I have written to thank the Sisters at Thornton for their wonderfully generous hospitality.
- Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Peter on Friday 21st May – all are welcome at 7.00.

Youth Group

- First upstairs session will be 28th May postponement due to lots of other bookings for the Parish Room – not least the Confirmation!

Churches Together-in Buckingham (CTiB) - John

Nothing to report

Deanery Pastoral Area - Local Steering Group

Steering group, which includes John Lovelock and Peter van Cauwelaert, has prepared the ground plan for presentation to the Bishop, showing an awareness of Pastoral Area needs.

CAFOD-- Ron

Frank Sudlow is arranging a meeting in the Deanery to discuss where we wish future donations to CAFOD to be spent. Meeting planned for early June.

A talk on CAFOD work in Nigeria is to be arranged for Thornton Convent.

Lenten offerings from the Children's classes will be presented at the Children's Mass on 23 May.

5 Health & Safety

The improvements to the lighting in the Parish room are in hand. Ron has obtained some quotations for the work.

The next job is to look at the stair lighting, which may just need a different light bulb.

6 Social / Fundraising Events

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| 8 May | - | Quiz night – Went very well with a “full house” There was a profit of £114 50, but there is a good stock of drinks left which can be used at the Barbecue. Thanks to Geoff & Kate Harper for an excellent set of questions. |
| 4 July | - | Barbecue – Chris Kneafsey has all in hand. Terry O’Reilly will be asked to run the bar. Tickets to be available on the first weekend of June. £6 adults, £3 children (ages 5 -16) |
| 11 September | | Historic churches Bike ride – peter van Cauwelaert to organise.
Gift Day / Weekend – Produce stalls and children’s cake competition – as last year. |
| 15 October | - | Wine tasting evening for CAFOD. |

7. BEMA / Parish Website

The Easter edition of BEMA has been delayed, but has now gone to print. Deadline for copy for the Summer issue, is 4 July.

A pastoral area web site is planned.

8. New Parishioners

Three entries in the book this month. They have been sent packs.

9. Parish Publicity

Nothing to report

10 AOB

Nothing to report

11. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 June 2010 at 8:00pm

The meeting ended at 8.55pm with a closing prayer.