

RC PARISH OF CROWTHORNE AND SANDHURST

DRAFT Minutes of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst

Present: Father Kevin, Lawrence Gaffney (Chair), Daniela Chapman, Margaret Derlacki, Rita Paxton, Gwen Wiseman and Sue Niblett.

Opening Prayers

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from George and Cyn.

2. Agree Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting of 29 May 2013 were approved as a true and accurate record subject to the following correction : agenda item 4.e. Parish Pastoral Update/Outreach/3rd line – should read “the Sandhurst Churches Together banner was up on display”.

3. Actions

8.a. Parish Web Site (12/02/13) – all photos of PPC members are ready for posting on website except those for Rita and George, who need to supply new ones. (Closed).

4.e. Outreach (29/05/13) – Crowthorne food bank items updated in newsletter. (Closed)

4.f. Catechesis (29/05/13) – Baptismal Reunion Mass arrangements done. (Closed)

4.g. Pastoral Area (29/05/13) – “Pastoral Area Project” included as agenda item. (Closed)

4. Parish Pastoral Update

a. Liturgy – disappointing turnout for the Baptismal Reunion Mass on 7th July (though Rita’s cakes were excellent.)

Book organist David Markby for Midnight Mass at Holy Ghost. **(Action Sue).**

b. Justice & Peace – the CRB is now known as DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and we will continue to apply for disclosures through the diocese in the usual way. DBS vetting carries a £12 fee but is now “portable” and required only once for an individual.

c. Youth – see item 5.e. World Youth Day in UK.

d. Social & Communication – the weather for the BBQ on 13 July was glorious. About 100 parishioners attended, giving a good mix of ages. There will be a coach trip to Brighton on Saturday 21 September, with a stop-off on the way for morning prayer at Arundel Cathedral. Tickets will be on sale from mid August.

e. Outreach – The next RCIA course will start in Bracknell on 25 September.

f. Catechesis – 2014 First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 21 June at Immaculate Conception. The dates and times of the initial sessions have been announced in the Newsletter. The date and venue of the 2014 Confirmation for the PA at the cathedral is not yet known and will be announced from the Bishop’s office. Peter White, Patricia Stuart, and Gwen will be Catechists. The next Baptismal course will be on 3 August.

A note will be put in the Newsletter regarding the RCIA course (see item 4.e. above) for those parishioners interested in attending.

g. Pastoral Area – Fr. Danny McAvoy will take over from Fr Chris Rutledge as the new PA Co-ordinator in September.

h. Christian Community – for the Sandhurst Churches Together ecumenical service, “Stations of the Resurrection” were held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on 9th June. It was suggested that Stations of Resurrection for parishioners could take place sometime between Easter and Pentecost next year. **(Action Fr Kevin)**

The Sandhurst Churches Together ecumenical ‘Songs of Praise’ will be held on Sandhurst Memorial Park on Sunday 28 July at 3pm. Fr. Kevin will give a talk on the theme of “Love

your Park”, and finish with a psalm. Churches Together in Crowthorne are running summer activities for children at the Morgan Rec. We have been asked for volunteers to man the Craft Tent and will appeal in the Newsletter. The Kerith Centre in Bracknell is opening a new church at Sandhurst School in September.

5. Pastoral Initiatives Update

a. Parish Census and Database (Rita, Lawrence) – Sue has been updating the database and has identified the need for a “gender” indicator.

b. PPC Awayday (Rita) – nothing further to report at present.

c. Parish Pilgrimage to Rome (Gwen) – final invoices have been sent out to the 26 people joining pilgrimage and the list is now closed. There will be a social gathering for all the pilgrims at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 August in the Immaculate Conception hall, which will be announced in the Newsletter.

d. “Year of Faith” CaFE dvd (Rita) – finishes in October. Put on agenda for next meeting. **(Action Lawrence.)**

e. World Youth Day in UK (Gwen) – nobody from this parish, nor from Bracknell or Wokingham, will be attending this event (“Bright Lights”), which is next weekend 26 – 29 July at Aylesford Priory. Gwen will try to find out if youngsters below the age of 16 can attend in future. It is possible that a youth worker might be employed for the whole of the Pastoral Area but nothing will be decided until Fr. Danny arrives in Bracknell parish in September. This initiative is now closed.

6. New Pastoral Initiatives

a. Funeral Planning (Rita) – the first Funeral Planning meeting (F-Plan) will be on Tuesday 13 August at 2.30pm in the Immaculate Conception hall. Further meetings may be run every two months, with a maximum of 10-12 parishioners per meeting. To be announced in Newsletter.

7. Issues for this meeting

a. Pastoral Area Project – there will be no progress on this issue until Fr. Danny has settled into his Bracknell parish in September. Then all the PA PPCs will be invited to meet together. Eventually there will be a single Pastoral Council for the PA.

8. Any other business

a. PPC Membership – as George has been unable to attend any PPC meetings over the past year due to work commitments, he has suggested that his membership might need to be reviewed, although he is happy to continue as things are. **(Action Fr Kevin).**

b. Ordination – the PPC sends congratulations to Deacon Benjamin who will be ordained to the Priesthood in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 27 July. His first Mass will be in St. Joseph’s Church, Bracknell, at 10.30am on 28 July.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst.

Closing Prayers

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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