

RC PARISH OF CROWTHORNE AND SANDHURST

Minutes of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst

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

Opening Prayers

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from George.

2. Agree Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting of 17 September 2013 were approved as a true and accurate record subject to the following correction: agenda item 4.a. PPC Update/Liturgy – last sentence should read ‘serve’ refreshments (not service).

3. Actions

4.c. Youth (17/9/13) – Youth 2000 Bournemouth and the Youth Weekend Cold Ash were advertised in the newsletter. Closed.

The parish has no plans to take youngsters to the Youth Mass for Christ the King in Portsmouth on 24 November. Closed.

4.f. Catechesis (17/9/13) – the Confirmation catechists have held an initial meeting but no timetable has yet been set. Closed.

The new procedure for baptism bookings is in place to start in the New Year. Closed.

4.h. Christian Community (17/9/13) – the Alternative Halloween Party at St Michael’s was publicised in the newsletter. Closed.

5.c. Parish Pilgrimage to Rome (17/9/13) – Gwen will select photographs to be displayed on the church noticeboards and on the website. Closed.

7.a. Year of Faith Finale (17/9/13) – Fr Kevin advised that the Evening Prayer of Benediction to close the Year of Faith will not take place. Closed.

4. Parish Pastoral Update

a. Liturgy – The Year of Faith will close on the Feast of Christ the King (24th November) with the Consecration of the Diocese to the Sacred Heart. The Bishop’s letter will also be read out at weekend masses and the people of the diocese will renew their Profession of Faith; Catholic schools will follow suit on the Monday or Tuesday after the feast day. Plenary Indulgences may be gained.

Additional information will be included with the newsletter. **(Action Fr/Rita).**

b. Justice & Peace – nothing to report, though see Outreach, below.

c. Youth – resources are available on the Diocesan website to support holding a youth event on the Christ the King weekend, for those parishes who will not be going to Portsmouth. After some discussion it was agreed to hold a bowling and pizzas evening for the 2012 Confirmands, aged over 16 years, and, depending upon numbers, to also invite those confirmed in 2010. The parish will pay for the event which will be on the evening of Saturday 23 November in Camberley. Gwen will publicise in next week’s Newsletter and Fr will announce at Mass. **(Action Fr/Gwen).**

d. Social & Communication – the invitations to the senior parishioners’ Christmas party (at Our Lady’s School hall on Saturday 7 December) will be sent out w/c 11 November.

e. Outreach – the parish once again participated in the annual Refugee Relief Christmas Shoebox Appeal, with 88 shoeboxes being shipped to orphanages in Eastern Europe. Parishioners have also donated generously to the CAFOD Fast Day and Bamenda appeals.

f. Catechesis – there are now 15 children enrolled for First Holy Communion. Confirmation will be held in Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 22 June. Preparation will probably start on a Saturday with a Mass of Commitment, followed by tea and cakes for the candidates and their parents. Classes are likely to be held from 7-8.30pm on a Monday evening in Sandhurst, with eight helpers available. It is hoped that a Retreat Day to Cold Ash can be arranged midway through the course, with Fr. Kevin in attendance. Five families attended the latest baptismal course in October.

g. Pastoral Area – nothing to report.

h. Christian Community – there were 32 children at the Sandhurst Churches Together Alternative Halloween party, including about 9 from this parish. It was a very successful event and there will be a post-party meeting to decide if this will be repeated annually. Sandhurst Civic Remembrance Service – Lawrence will represent the parish at the service on 10 November. There will be an Ecumenical Service this Sunday evening 10 November at Immaculate Conception.

5. Pastoral Initiatives Update

- a. Parish Census and Database (Rita, Lawrence) – nothing to report.
- b. PPC Retreat Day at Farnborough Abbey (Rita) – Rita was thanked for organising such a fulfilling retreat day on Saturday 2 November. The venue was good, with a relaxed leader presiding over a useful Q&A session. It was suggested that more links should be created with the Abbey, perhaps inviting the brothers to the parish. Agenda item. (**Action Lawrence**). The PPC will consider taking an annual retreat day, possibly to Douai Abbey next year. This initiative is now closed.
- c. “Year of Faith” CaFE dvd (Rita) – now ended. This initiative is now closed.
- d. Funeral Planning (Rita) – another session will be held in the New Year. This initiative is now closed.

6. New Pastoral Initiatives – none, though see AOB (a), below.

7. Issues for this meeting - none

8. Any other business

- a. Margaret suggested two potential Pastoral Initiatives:
- Involvement with the Bracknell branch of the Life House anti-abortion charity
 - Resurrection of the Parish Magazine. For inclusion in next agenda. (**Action Lawrence**)

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst.

Closing Prayers

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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