

## RC PARISH OF CROWTHORNE AND SANDHURST

### **Minutes of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting held on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Immaculate Conception hall**

**Present:** Father Marcus, Darwin Bagalacsa, Daniela Chapman, Margaret Derlacki, Lawrence Gaffney (Chair), Rita Paxton and Sue Niblett (Minutes).

#### **Opening Prayers**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cyn, Moira and Gwen.

**2. Agree Previous Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June were approved.

**3. Actions**

**4. Parish Pastoral Update:**

a. Liturgy (21.9.16) – the installation of a cctv/projector/sound system in the Immaculate Conception hall is needed in time for Christmas. Margaret will continue to seek advice (only) on this matter. (See AOB.) Closed.

c. Youth (1.6.17) – a regular spot in the Newsletter for young people had been suggested. As the Confirmation Group does not meet through the summer, Rita will ask them for ideas in September. Ongoing. **(Action Rita).**

d. Social & Communication (1.6.17) – Our Lady's School is happy for the Social Committee to continue to use the school as a venue for social events. (The Social Committee makes a small donation to school funds.) Closed.

e. Catechesis (1.6.17) – plans for a disco in August for the 'Come Follow Me' children are under way. Closed

g. Christian Community (1.6.17) – we no longer have a parish representative on the SCT (Sandhurst Churches Together) Committee, as nobody has answered the appeal in the Newsletter. Closed.

**7. Issues for this meeting:**

a. "Come Follow Me" (1.6.17) – it was decided to restrict the July parents' meeting to existing participants. Closed

b. Children's Liturgy at the Holy Ghost Church (1.6.17) – ideally, 8 volunteers are needed to join the rota to enable us to reinstate Children's Liturgy at the Holy Ghost. Rita will be sending the information to one couple who have recently shown interest, once Darwin has supplied their details. DBS clearance will be needed for all volunteers and they will also be asked to attend a Safeguarding Awareness course. We cannot start the sessions until we have enough people. Ongoing. **(Action Darwin/Rita)**

c. Our Lady of Fatima Centenary – the statue and relics will be in Portsmouth during August and the Diocese has indicated in its recent newsletter that the devotions will be held in a Portsmouth church, rather than the cathedral. Further information is awaited from the custodian of the image though now too late to organise a coach from the parish. Darwin will ask those parishioners who are interested in hosting House Rosaries to contact Father directly. Closed.

**8. Any other business:**

a. Couples for Christ (1.6.17) – is a movement that is very active in this parish and is open to all parishioners. Darwin mentioned some events that will be taking place in 2018 and it was suggested that these be announced at the end of weekend Masses during Advent, once more details are known. Closed

#### 4. **Parish Pastoral Update**

- a. Liturgy – someone will be needed towards the end of the year to organise the music at the 11am Mass at Holy Ghost, to replace Gwen. Father Marcus confirmed that 4 Masses will be said on Christmas Eve (on a Sunday this year) : 9am at IC; 11am at HG; 6pm at IC; and 10pm at HG. On Christmas Day there will be Masses at 9am at IC and 11am at HG. For the Feast of the Assumption, Vigil Mass will be at 7pm at IC and day Mass at 10am at HG.
- b. Outreach, Justice & Peace – the question was asked as to whether the parish should still be buying Fairtrade produce. Left to practical choice of purchaser.
- c. Youth - nothing further to report.
- d. Social & Communication– 50 tickets have currently been sold for the BBQ on 16 July. Father Marcus will announce the event after Masses this weekend and Darwin will encourage the Filipino families to come along. The afternoon will start at 12.30pm, with food served from 1pm, and finish around 5pm, dependent upon the weather. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. There will be a car treasure hunt on Sunday 24 September and a coach trip to Winchester/Christmas markets is proposed for sometime in November. The Seniors' Christmas Party will be on Saturday 9 December.
- e. Catechesis - the meeting on 5 July was with the parents of the children currently on the "Come Follow Me" programme to reiterate that it is a rolling programme and not a First Holy Communion course with an annual celebration day. However, Father Marcus has now set a date for those current children, *who attend Mass regularly*, to receive their First Holy Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. There are 17 children in this first group, with 4 helpers. A second intake of children to join the programme will take place later in the autumn.
- f. Pastoral Area – nothing to report.
- g. Christian Community –SCT (Sandhurst Churches Together) will be holding the annual "Songs of Praise" at the Sandhurst Memorial Park on 23 July between 3pm to 4.30pm.

#### 5. **Pastoral Initiatives Update**

- a. Local Pilgrimage (Fr Marcus) – the proposed pilgrimage to Glastonbury was cancelled due to low numbers.

#### 6. **New Pastoral Initiatives** – none.

#### 7. **Issues for this meeting** – none.

#### 8. **Any other business:**

- a. cctv facilities in Immaculate Conception hall – it is noted that we can only seek the *advice* of parishioners in this field of expertise because Health and Safety directives dictate that we must not use volunteers to carry out electrical work.
- b. Altar Servers – an outing for the altar servers will be arranged for alternate years, so the next trip will be in 2018. Enrolment to the Guild of St Stephen and presentation of medals will be done in September. Altar Servers should have served for at least 12 months to be eligible for the award.
- c. New members needed for Parish Pastoral Council – Father Marcus asked all present to give some thought as to who amongst the parishioners might be interested in joining the PPC, so that he can make tentative approaches. **(Action all).**
- d. Afternoon Tea in August in Immaculate Conception – Rita is considering holding a one-off afternoon session in August, in a similar format to that held regularly at the Holy Ghost. Margaret offered to help if she is available.

#### 9. **Date and time of next meeting** – Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Immaculate Conception Church hall.

#### **Closing Prayers**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

<b>Distribution:</b>	Father Marcus Brisley	Daniela Chapman	Margaret Derlacki
	Lawrence Gaffney (Chair)	Cyn Hopkins	Rita Paxton
	Moirra Taylor	Gwen Wiseman	Darwin Bagalacsa
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