

# Minutes of St Osmund's Pastoral Committee Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Item	Discussion/Action	Action by:
	<p><b>Present</b> Bernadette Thorne (chair), Margaret Price (minutes), Joan Lewis, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Pothecary, Steve Godwin, Sylvia Weston, Fr Tom Dubois(part), Vincent Thorne, Anne Huntley.</p>	
1	<p><b>Prayer</b> led by Vincent</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b> Colette Price, Deacon John Proctor (DJP), Caroline Williams <b>Absent</b> Tony Vergheese,</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes</b> of last meeting – agreed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
4.1	<p>St Joseph's school latest news from Anne Huntley. Academy definitely not happening now. Governing bodies to meet to discuss future collaboration and associated funding.</p>	
4.2	<p>Alabare celebration went well, Bishop of Ramsbury and Bishop Declan attended.</p>	
5	<p><b>St Osmund's re-opening</b> This was a most successful day, lovely music, lots of people came together. Only a few regret stations going; most like the new ones which were found on the internet from an antique dealer in Lichfield. Late 19<sup>th</sup> century. All agreed that the new lighting is very good.</p>	
6	<p><b>Parish rooms</b> Should be ready in about a fortnight. Booking of rooms is through the parish office. Can also be used commercially.</p>	
7	<p><b>Diocesan day for Pastoral Councils (October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009)</b> Joan, John and Colette attended. It was led by an excellent speaker on leadership for ministry. The implementation, by Pastoral Councils, of the pastoral guidelines "Called to be a People of Hope" was discussed. A booklet outlines this implementation. This includes guidelines for pastoral councils and how they should be run. A parish pastoral council is defined as: "a representative group of parishioners working in partnership with the clergy to carry out Christ's mission, the mission of the church, in this time and place."</p>	
	<p>RCIA representatives have also attended a meeting about implementing</p>	

this aspect of the guidelines and there is also one concerned with schools and young people.

The Pastoral councils Implementation Guide was circulated to all (those absent please collect a copy from parish office).

We will discuss this further at the next meeting – along with the attached discussion document about parish development by John Proctor.

Please study both & bring thoughts to next meeting for discussion.

**ALL**

## **8 Volunteering in Parishes (November 21<sup>st</sup> 2009)**

A very useful and inspiring session given by Barbara Wallace. Attendance numbers hampered, perhaps, by the fact that it was a Saturday 10-4 which seemed quite long. And the prior information hadn't really "sold" it to people.

We have her workbook entitled "To Love and Serve the Lord"

The next step is for a small group to run shorter session(s) based on this for Salisbury Parishes to pass on what we learned and take it forward. Steve & Margaret to look into this.

**SG  
MP**

## **9 Diocesan clergy day**

A committee of clergy & laity have produced a draft 5 year plan for the diocese.

They presented this to the clergy.

The report sets out clusters of parishes that will need to work together as there are and will be fewer priests.

The report envisages Salisbury's 3 parishes having 2 priests for the next 5 years at least. It was said that to some extent we have already done the work of combining parishes which other areas will also need to embark on.

However the clergy day was positive and looking to the future. More detail available on diocesan website.

## **10 Catholic Adoption Society Appeal**

Crib collections to be for this.

## **11 Loose change for building fund**

Jiffer suggests box with a transparent front for loose change for the building fund, however it was felt that this might detract from people putting their loose change in APF or CAFOD boxes. Also there is a potential problem with burglary.

## **12 AOB**

### **12.1 Epiphany party 10<sup>th</sup> January in SEH**

Jiffer to ask Meg Scouller to help and get a team together.

Canon Michael to get a team together to do invitations.

**JP  
MJF**

### **12.2 Mothers prayers**

Bernadette is waiting for parish rooms to open before giving a talk about this.

**BT**

**12.3 Justice & Peace group:- planned events**

Details will be announced in the bulletin

- Talk from Fr Des (a De Montfort priest)
- Talk by Mary Colwell Environmental advisor to Catholic Bishops' Conference
- Film called Black Gold

**12.4 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**

5pm-9pm Good Friday. It will cost £14,000 to stage. All churches have been asked to run/support various events to raise money and to promote the project.

There will also be a call for volunteers.

**12.5 Youth Ministry**

Robert Windsor has resigned as of end of this year to take up a post with a Catholic theatre company who put on plays in schools to address moral issues.

**13 Correspondence**

"Heal our Land" to include event in Salisbury - more detail at next meeting.

**14 Date of next meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> January 7.45 (please note slightly later start time)

Joan to lead prayer (10-15minutes).

Bernadette suggested that we pray daily for the individual members of the PPC.

**15 Closing Prayer**