

Holy Family Catholic Church

(Freckleton and Warton)

1 Lytham Road, Warton, Preston, PR4 1AD

Parish Council Meeting 008

12th January 2010 at 7.45pm

Agenda:

1. *Opening Prayer*
Welcome to Peter Brocklesby St Peter's Lytham
Father Peter
Bernard
2. *Minutes*
Distributed
3. *Correspondence*
Linda
4. *Chairperson's Report*
Bernard
5. *Ecumenical News*
Father/Colin
6. *Liturgy- Special Item – Children*
Father/John C
7. *Subcommittee Reports*
 - a. *Administration (CRB/Communication)*
Father P
 - b. *Finance and Administration Report*
John F
 - c. *Liturgy*
Father P
 - d. *Pastoral Report*
Carmel
 - e. *Property Management Report*
John C
 - f. *Social Report*
Catherine Potter
8. *AOB*
 - *CAFOD*
Hayley
9. *Proposed Meetings: 13/4/2010, 13/7/2010, 14/9/2010, AGM 26/10/2010*
10. *Closing Remarks*
Father Peter
11. *Closing Prayer*
Father Peter

Parish Council Members Present:

Rev Peter Burns, Parish Priest
Hayley Benyon, CAFOD
John Catterall,
John Forster
Linda Forster (minutes),
Peter McGuinness
Catherine Potter
Carmel Thomas
Bernard Whittle, Chair, Parish Council

Apologies:

Jan Courtney Whiteside
Helen McDowell
Colin Reed
Sally Sutton

Visitor from St Peter's, Lytham, Parish Council:

Peter Brocklesby

Observers:

1. Opening Prayer

Father Peter opened the meeting praying the Hail Mary and also asked for prayers for Flo Gee and Kathleen Donley, who had died this week

Welcome

Bernard welcomed Peter Brocklesby from the Parish Council at St Peter's, Lytham, and hoped that he would feel free to contribute

2. Minutes

These had been distributed earlier. No changes.

ActionPC007.01:

Suggest a joint Christmas Service poster /card to avoid some events happening at the same time.

Colin

A joint card was produced.

THIS ACTION IS COMPLETE AND CLOSED

ActionPC007.02:

Notice on Church noticeboard/newsletter asking for volunteers to help redesign and redecorate the Presbytery.

John C/Father P

THIS ACTION IS COMPLETE AND CLOSED

ActionPC007.03:

Find out whether the other churches would support an Ecumenical Census.

Colin

ONGOING

ActionPC007.04:

Liaise with Fr Frank Flynn, local deacons and those in the area training for the diaconate about how best to organise a parish with a shared priest. Fr Peter, John Forster and Carmel Thomas then to have a meeting to develop the pastoral strategy for Holy Family.

Father P

ONGOING

ActionPC007.05:

Design a form for distribution at all Masses, explaining the proposed 500 Club. The form to contain an application form.

John C

THIS ACTION IS COMPLETE AND CLOSED

3. Correspondence - none

4. Chairperson's Report

All that Bernard wished to say would be covered by items on the Agenda and he would make his remarks there. He had attended the Parish Council at St Peter's, Lytham. The two councils operated along the same lines, although there some differences. It was time to organise another joint training day.

5. Ecumenical

All the services for the week of prayer for Christian Unity are itemised in the parish newsletter. Father asked for support, especially for the evening prayer at Holy Family. Rosa Threlfa had spoken at the Joint Mission meeting on Climate Justice.

ActionPC008.01:

Add item to the September agenda to ensure that the joint Christmas card is picked up earlier this year.

Linda

6. Liturgy – Special Item

John C

We need to ensure that non attending parents of the children who are invited to the Children's and Family Mass feel comfortable entering the church. We also need to establish some group for the boys similar to Sally's Angels. Barry Holliday has volunteered to do this after February. John C suggested that the objective for this year should be 40 children attending Mass and to achieve this the Social, Pastoral and Liturgy groups need to work together.

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Suggestions included:

- Children dressing up for the Palm Sunday procession into church
- Treasure hunt
- Teddy bears' picnic
- Advent Carol service, which would include the parish school.

We do not use the link with the school effectively and we should support school events and they should support the parish events. To this end, we should ask Austin to ensure that either he or Michelle attend the parish council.

ActionPC008.02:

Ensure the headteacher has the dates of the Parish Council meetings

Linda

ActionPC008.02:

Copies of the Parish Booklet should be available at the school.

John C/Bernard

The Parish Hall should be made more welcoming after Mass and should look less like a playgroup. This should be especially so for Palm Sunday and there should be no fund raising activities.. Catherine felt that Palm Sunday could be too complicated for young children, and suggested Mother's Day.

DECISION: John C will chair a meeting to discuss an activity in church suitable for the children and include their parents.

ActionPC008.04:

Notice in bulletin that the PPC will concentrate on spiritual side of the parish this year

Father P

7. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Administration Report

James Maloney has agreed to be principal Parish Safeguarding representative and Hayley will support. Father is very grateful that they have agreed to support the parish in this work. They are now going through the diocesan process for selection and training. Once they are approved and trained by the Diocese, Father will publish their names. The new vetting and barring system will be introduced next year and the Parish Council will do all they can to support them in this work.

ActionPC008.05:

Notice in bulletin detailing progress in appointing new representatives

Father P

Bernard thanked Helen for all the hard work in ensuring that the Parish Magazine was ready for Christmas and John C for his support.

b. Finance report

No 1 Account £12700; No 2 Account £18764. There should be an appeal before the next financial year for more people to sign Gift Aid declarations. John F thanked Bernard and John C for all the work re-establish the 500 Club. 50% of all income will be paid in prizes.

c. Liturgy Report

Advent and Christmas was successful, although the weather did prevent some people attending over Christmas. There are some marriages and baptisms booked for the future, also some people interested in the faith. Rosa Threlfa has had to resign as the organist. Father was very grateful for all the work she had done in the past. He is looking for a replacement and would welcome suggestions. The school is to be approached to see if one of the parents can play the organ. Would the parish pay for an organist once a month? Father was asked if one of the families would agree to a baptism during Mass, so that the children could see what happened. John C has also trained 10 young people as altar servers and they were able to serve at the start of term Mass in the school hall.

d. Pastoral Report

Carmel has been away and had not had time to prepare a report.

Bernard appealed to all teams to include their future plans in the reports to the Parish Council, so members could support all events.

Journey in Faith is continuing, although the last one was cancelled due to the bad weather. This session is enabling presenters to become familiar with the material. Anyone can join the sessions.

e. Property Management Report

The sacristy has been refurnished and carpeted and the job was much cheaper than anticipated. Redecorating is in progress.

The breakfast room has been redecorated and carpeted. The smell is due to standing water under floorboards; this is more to do with the original construction of the building and there is little that can be done. Hopefully, by maintaining the presbytery at a reasonable temperature, it can be managed.

The fire in the lounge has been replaced and the lounge can now be used for small meetings. The TV can be connected to a computer.

Father thanked Peter and John C for all that they had done in the parish buildings.

f. Social Report

The Youth Team went to the Ice Dance at Blackpool and will be going ice skating soon. They will also be helping at the Mass on Maundy Thursday and supporting the water station at Club Day. The social event after the Carol Service went well. Father apologised for leaving it too late to ask the Playgroup, but had been told they were too young. Denise King is only able to commit to two events this year, but would someone else do a BBQ after Mass some Sunday? The Camping weekend will go ahead as usual. Catherine would also like to organise a giant picnic. Any other ideas, please contact Catherine.

World Youth Day in Spain is still under consideration.

8. **AOB**

a. CAFOD Christmas Card

This raised £115.50. Hayley has organised a bicycle for a health worker, which cost £50. The balance would go to the Bishop's Cumbria Flood Appeal.

b. General

Peter commented on difficulty in parishioners wanting to help, but not necessarily assume responsibility. Did the priest want parishioners to assume responsibility? The role of the deacon was also discussed.

9. **Next Meeting – Dates agreed: 13/4/2010, 13/7/2010, 14/9/2010, AGM 26/10/2010**

10. **Closing Remarks** Father thanked everyone for their patience and looks forward to next year's achievements.

11. **Closing Prayer** He closed the meeting with the *Our Father*, and a blessing.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm