

# Holy Family Catholic Church

(Freckleton and Warton)

1 Lytham Road, Warton, Preston, PR4 1AD

## Parish Council Meeting 010

13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.45pm

### Agenda:

1. *Opening Prayer*  
*Welcome to St Peter's Lytham*  
*Father Peter*  
*Bernard*
2. *Minutes*  
*Distributed*
3. *Correspondence*  
*Linda*
4. *Chairperson's Report*  
*Bernard*
5. *Ecumenical News*  
*Father/Colin*
6. *Special Item – Children*  
*Pastoral, Liturgy Social,*
7. *Subcommittee Reports*
  - a. *Administration (CRB/Communication)*  
*Father P*
  - b. *Finance Report*  
*John F*
  - c. *Liturgy*  
*Father P*
  - d. *Pastoral Report*  
*Carmel*
  - e. *Property Management Report*  
*John C*
  - f. *Social Report*  
*Catherine Potter*
8. *AOB*
  - *Papal Visit*
  - *CAFOD*  
*Hayley*
9. *Proposed Meetings: 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),  
Pamela Maloney (representing Mr Manfredi, Holy Family School)  
Peter McGuinness  
Jim Maloney  
Bernard Whittle, Chair, Parish Council

### Observers

Louis Rigby

### Apologies:

Jan Courtney Whiteside  
Helen McDowell  
Michelle Holden  
Catherine Potter  
Colin Reed  
Sally Sutton  
St Peter's, Lytham

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

None

### 1. Opening Prayer

Father Peter opened the meeting praying the Our Father.

#### Welcome

Bernard welcomed John Forster as Deacon and congratulated him on his ordination to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral in Lancaster last Saturday.

### 2. Minutes

These had been distributed earlier. No changes.

#### ActionPC009.01:

Father to check progress on Mission meeting

*Father P*

Father had contacted the ministers, because there had been no communication. As yet there has been no update.

#### ActionPC009.02:

Father will look at co-ordinating the Children's Mass, 500 Club and coffee cakes and publish dates

*Father*

This action is COMPLETE

### 3. Correspondence

- a. The joint Parish Council workshop with St Peter's Lytham will now be on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- b. St Peter's sent apologies for sending no-one to this meeting, but they were having a special meeting to discuss the Papal visit in September.
- c. Letter from Denise King appealing for more help with social activities. This was not intended as a criticism of Catherine who had made it plain from the start that she would be unable to organise extra events – covered further under 'Social' and 'Liturgy'. See also Attachment 1.
- d. Father received a letter from Carmel Thomas, stating that she was resigned with immediate effect.

### 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.

### 5. Ecumenical

Colin is ill and was unable to send a report. Father reported that all Club Day activities had been successful. He had also attended *Praise on the Lake* to celebrate 200 years of Methodism.

#### ActionPC009.01:

Contact the other ministers to check whether they intend to produce a joint Christmas card with service time, otherwise the parish will need to organise one of its own.

*Father*

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6. **Liturgy – Special Item**

There was some discussion about what could be done to address Denise's concerns about the social activities in the parish and where these could be after liturgical celebrations involving the children. The previous Sunday's Mass, organised by the school had gone well and the readers had been excellent. Following on the success of Mother's Day, which was organised by the school, it was decided that we could do something to mark the start of the new school year and Papal visit, preferably at the school to emphasise that the school is part of the parish.

**ActionPC009.02:**

*Contact the Bishop to find out whether he will allow the 1030 Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> September to be celebrated at the school, then ask Mr Manfredi if the school would be happy to accommodate the parish and allow a barbecue.*

Father

Father had arranged Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the school and this had been well received.

Year 1 had visited the church last week and left their intentions on the altar. This had been the first time some had been to church.

**ActionPC009.03:**

*Organise meeting with Mt Manfredi, Father, Catherine to identify other activities for school and youth.*

Bernard

7. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. **Administration Report**

The new government has decided that the vetting and barring scheme is not suitable, although CRBs will remain in place. Once the government has decided the way forward, there will be a meeting to explain what is happening, perhaps for the AGM.

The webpage is updated weekly and there are regular hits on the webpage. Helen was asked to consider whether it would be useful to ask parishioners whether they wanted to be alerted whenever there were any changes. Is there anything to encourage children e.g. weekly competitions?

b. **Finance report**

The Auditor has submitted the accounts to the Diocese. There is currently £9187 in the current account; the Building Fund still receives regular donations. The Gift Aid Donations return has been sent to the Diocese and the parish will receive the repaid tax in due course. 500 Club is progressing satisfactorily.

c. **Liturgy Report**

This year the parish has celebrated all the sacraments. Father had not yet formed a team as he was waiting for John F's ordination. The Liturgy over Easter had gone well. It was disappointing that the Children's Liturgy was now only one group. Father had received several enquiries from people wanting to become Catholics. The Holy Hour on Fridays will continue to be one hour and be for the success and spiritual renewal of the Parish. There will soon be a new translation of the Mass. A DVD will be made available. The current Mass books will be obsolete and we will need to decide whether to replace them immediately or use Mass sheets initially.

d. **Pastoral Report**

This was an important area and Father was hoping to find someone who could help co-ordinate activities.

e. **Property Management Report**

John C has now asked for the best possible price for the new lights. When he receives that he will give formal intent to proceed and ask for samples. There has been no response from the Fire Officer about the need for a second exit, so we can assume that they do not consider it an issue. Planning to close and seal off the outside toilet, which is leaking and needs a new door.

The guttering, fascias, etc are looking a mess and the parish will need to ask someone to do the job. It may be necessary to reopen the Building Fund in the New Year.

**Social Report**

The Youth Team manned the water station for the Freckleton Marathon. The Parish Camp was very successful, with 25 people attending. There's a slide show on the webpage. Sally's Angels celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary, visited Wyre Country Park and went to Manchester. There was also a pilgrimage to Ladyewell.

Denise's letter said that there was a need for one person to organise an annual meeting to decide the social calendar for the year, otherwise there was a danger that the social side of the parish could die. More members are needed for the Club Day as one person is stepping down next year. The ideas generated at the meeting are included in Attachment 1.

8. **AOB**

a. **CAFOD – covered in attachment 1.**

b. **Papal Visit** Father had received an email from Father Robert Billing detailing the main events for the Pope's visit in September. There will be a Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park and the Beatification Mass of Cardinal Venerable John Henry Newman at Cofton Park, Birmingham. Names must be forwarded to Father by the end of the week.

c. **HCPT – the Pilgrimage Trust** HCPT take disable and disadvantaged children to Lourdes every Easter. In 2011, Easter is late, 24<sup>th</sup> April and schools are changing holiday arrangements. This means that teachers will be unable to go to Lourdes as helpers. If you know anyone in their 20s/30s who could go to Lourdes as a helper, please contact Linda and she will let you have the local group contact details.

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

10. **Closing Remarks** Father thanked everyone for a very constructive meeting. There had been a good sharing of ideas and, hopefully the parish will move forward.

11. **Closing Prayer** He closed the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

*The meeting closed at 9.10 pm*

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## *Attachment 1: Suggestions for Social Events*

Date	Event	Actions required	By whom?
Sept 2010	Mass followed by Barbecue	Obtain Permission from Bishop and Headteacher. Organise BBQ	Father Peter ??
TBA	CAFOD Social event	Joint event with Lytham to raise funds for CAFOD	CAFOD/Hayley
Nov/Dec/Jan	Dinner Dance	Check with Lytham St Peter's whether they would consider a joint dinner dance	Bernard
Term time	Visits to Church	Informal visits to church by each class of the school	Father/school
December	Carol Service	Ask the school to be involved in the Carol service. Check whether evenings are better.	Father
Soon	Club Day	Identify new volunteers to help with Club Day as some of the existing ones will retire next year.	