

Minutes of a meeting of the Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council held in the Keenan Rooms at 20.00 Hrs on Wednesday 20th January 2010.

Present	Father Jim	President
	Digby Carter	Chairman
	Liz Rhodes	Catechesis
	Sue Baggott	Communications
	Carrie Kerr	Liturgy
	Madeleine Black	Liturgy
	Liz Robinson	Outreach
	Jeremy Best	Outreach
	Peter Evans	Secretary

(Please note that specific actions have been shown in ***bold italics*** followed by the initials of the PPC member required to take the action)

1. Opening the meeting

Father Jim opened the meeting with a prayer for the speedy recovery of John Osbaldeston from his recent stroke and for his wife in this time of stress.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Rita King, Margaret Taylor, Christina Bycroft and Lynne Hall.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were accepted without comment.

4. Catechesis.

Liz Rhodes has just taken over the post. She has already established that Kerry Scrutton is willing to continue in her present role. It is proposed that DC gets together with Liz and Kerry to prepare a detailed plan of action.

(Action DC/L Rhodes and KS to meet)

Digby asked about Youth United which he thought was fading away, but was reassured that they had a meeting planned.

5. Liturgy

Carrie said that not a lot had taken place during the Christmas period. She had spoken to a couple of volunteers who were willing to help as Sacristans and it was hoped to arrange a rota to cover all masses.

Carrie mentioned the excellent progress that Jeremy had made with the altar servers.

On the Parish Pilgrimage she went on to mention that some 21 helpers were flying out to Lourdes to assist the 6 or 7 people going by Jumbulance together with medical helpers and patients.

Jim Chappell has agreed to act as Chairman for the Liturgy Group for 1 year, taking over from Tony Marsden. His first meeting in charge will be on 11th February.

6. Outreach Report

Liz Robinson reported that she was organising articles for the Wokingham Times as it was our turn. She had 2 articles already, with another two coming along shortly. The CAFOD collection for Haiti would be continuing this weekend and volunteers were sought to hold the collection boxes. Several people offered to help.

Wokingham Churches Together are auditioning for the towns Passion Play. This may give problems with CRB checks and it was decided to leave it to individuals rather than promote it as a parish activity.

7. **Welcoming**

Post Meeting Report from Lynn Hall.

Fr Jim has agreed to e-mail all contact details to LH/ Welcoming Committee, so that initial meeting can be made in person, if required/ desired, as soon after joining the parish as possible, rather than wait until the biennial Cheese and Wine evening.

We now have, thanks to M Taylor two ladies who are willing to replenish the Welcome Bags.

There will be a whole Parish Event, organised in conjunction with the School, on Saturday 22nd May.

All other Parish groups are running well and no problems/ concerns have been raised.

8. **Pastoral Care**

With John being un-well Digby has asked if Margaret could step up into his position and she is considering this. The organisation of Eucharistic Ministers has now been moved across from Catechesis.

DC went on to say that Graham Powell was in the process of handing over the Safeguarding role to Richard Robert. It was hoped that Richard would come to one of the PPC meetings to meet us.

Meanwhile he and Graham were busy with CRB checks on all Eucharistic Ministers and

Jumbulance volunteers. Liz Rhodes said that there was a workshop at Reading on Vetting and Barring and she was going along. She thought that it was fully subscribed but would report back on the present situation.

9. **Communications**

Sue said that not a lot had been done over the Christmas period. She emphasized the importance of the web site and keeping Gianna up-to-date with information and correspondence. It was important to make the parish aware of the Web Site and get them to use it as much as possible, with frequent messages in the News Letter.

DC thought a PPC Family Tree was a good idea to let people know who does what. **(Action SB)**

10. **Administration**

Digby had corresponded with Rita about the role and plans to meet up with her and Karan . In particular he wants to establish a Parish Routine for such things as Christmas tree arrangements.

The hot water heater in the Keenan Rooms has now been repaired.

(Action DC/ RK)

Fr. Jim reported that the gardening rota was working.

11. **St. Teresa's School.**

The date for the joint parish, school BBQ has been agreed as 22 May.

12. **Pastoral Area**

Fr Jim said that money raising has gone ahead in some 40 parishes and has proved very successful. The fund raising company may ask if they can come along and talk to the parish. This may well be raised during the next Bishop's visit in February.

13. Parish Assembly

Digby expressed disappointment at the attendance of the meeting in November. It was thought that it could be combined with a social evening. One suggestion was to combine it with the report from the Church Improvement Committee, to attract more people.

14. Any other business

We have been asked to release the Keenan Rooms to the “Life in the Spirit” course on the 12th May. It was agreed to move the meeting to 321 Barkham Road, with the time remaining at 8.00 pm.

15. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 24th March at 10.30 am at 321 Barkham Road.

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