

## **MINUTES FOR PPC MEETING WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 8PM 2016**

**Apologies:** AK (Angela Knott), UP (Una Perry), FJ (Fr. John).

**Present:** FM, ( Fr. Michael), CG( Catherine Giavarini), AS( Anthony Squire), AB( Anita Blake), CO ( Carolyn O'Callaghan), EG( Elaine Giannino), MG ( Maria Gascoigne), KS( Kerry Setchfield), MJ( Marina Johnson), KES( Ken Elliot Smith) AF (Angela Fenn).

### **Approval of last meeting minutes and matter's arising;**

**Christmas Fayre-** MJ asked about independent stalls (like The Body Shop) at the Christmas Fayre and how the parish benefits. CG explained that these type of stalls were introduced to make the fayre more interesting usually there are only two, and they donate a raffle prize and make a donation the Christmas fayre charities as well. The Becket school were also an extra independent stall at the last fayre as well. CG confirmed that the Becket chaplaincy may also do a stall next year to raise funds for their Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**First Holy Communion-** KS confirmed that the First Holy Communion programme is going well and there are 67 children making their First Holy Communion this year at the Cathedral. FM confirmed that because of the high number of children this year, then there will be possibly allocated seating. KS and FM confirmed that the Cathedral works well as a venue, but if numbers keep increasing they may have to do another First Holy Communion on two separate days. However, it was agreed at the moment it works well in one day, as last year's First Holy Communion at the Cathedral went very well, despite issues with seating and noise.

**Confirmation-** CG mentioned that Confirmation Enrolment is very soon, forms have gone out already. The Briars weekend is during the Mission from March 18<sup>th</sup> until 20<sup>th</sup> March. CG also explained that volunteers were needed to accompany and support our young people on their Confirmation weekend. CG asked if anyone on the PPC knew anyone that could help with this.

**Parish Mission-** AS discussed about the recent Parish Mission meeting with Karen from the Sion Community. He explained that there are a lot of subgroups and with coordinators doing things. AS explained he was in charge of mapping locations for visiting, 5 or 6 teams will be going round with a postman's list and spending no longer than 20 minutes visiting people.

AS explained that more people were needed to help volunteer at Mission social events and other roles. CG had already put something in the newsletter AB said she could send out a Parent mail.

FM confirmed that Sally Edwards was the main coordinator for the Parish Mission whilst Michael and Bernie Groves were away.

CO confirmed she was helping with hospitality and Social Events and other things.

CG confirmed she will doing the Publicity and Printing, and will be doing leaflets, posters, banners and liaising with printers. AF offered to put posters up. CG suggested that she wanted to put something in the newsletter explaining exactly what a Mission is to people, as many do not know. AB agreed that this was a good idea,

and that something could be emailed to parents as well through Parent mail. The Sion community will be coming into school as well, so AB will get the children to do something with Tony Wheat as he is coming in regularly for Liturgies.

FM explained further about the Mission. That there will be early morning Masses followed by breakfast at the Holy Spirit and Cotgrave. Evening Services. Social Events for the young people of the Parish. For example there will be a Pizza evening on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Confirmation candidates will be invited as well as all the young people of the Parish. The Sion community also want the PPC to organise a parish social event on the final evening of the Mission which will be Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. FM suggested doing something similar to the International Supper. MJ suggested doing a cheese and wine evening, instead of hot food, as it was easier for people to donate food. CG agreed to book the bar for the evening.

**AOB- The Crib-** The PPC agreed with FM that the Spanish Crib (by Maria and Juan Bosoko) was very good and a welcome addition to the Christmas decorations in the church. One PPC member suggested that it could be moved to where Our Lady's statue was.

**Next Meeting-** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 8pm