

**Blessed Robert Grissold**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Present:** Fr Sebastian, Joe Martin, Godfrey Chesshire, Bridie McSorely, Anne Santos  
Chris Burleigh, Chris Mitchell, Ann Dodd, Dominic Green,

**Apologies:** Terry Biles, Ian Clarke, John McClelland, Maureen Carroll, Margaret  
Collins.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**Matters Arising**

The Finance Committee had proposed that The Singing Group from Stratford should perform next year, for HCP fund raising, as the charity fundraising event this year had been for Jesus Youth.

The environmental health visit had not yet taken place.

The minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> January were agreed.

**Faith Formation**

**CaFE.** In all, 22 parishioners had attended at least one session. There are two sessions remaining. We should plan for another programme before Advent.

**Young People's Mass .** It was announced that the next Young People's Mass would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Finance**

**Finance Committee.** Joe reported that the Finance Committee had calculated a small surplus. The average weekly collections were 60% above the same period last year. Projected expenses for the year were £37500, against income of £39000. The finance committee were looking for suggestions for how to best use the surplus. One suggestion was to provide curtains for the hall, and another was to buy a dishwasher for the kitchen. Fr wished to record his thanks to the Finance Committee, especially Bob, Ciaran, and Siobhan.

**100 Club.** Chris Burleigh reported that this was now operating. The first draw had taken place, and all but two of those who had originally expressed an interest, had subscribed. We have 86 members at present.

## **Charities and Social Events.**

**Curry Evening.** Ann Dodd reported that it had been stressful before the event, but that it had been very successful on the night. £1001 had been raised for Jesus Youth. Thanks were expressed to Ann and to Terry Biles for their organisation.

**Black and White Dinner.** Chris Mitchell reported that this had been a great success. She thanked all who had helped and also Barclays Bank for their donation. Fr expressed his thanks. He recognised all the hard work, and saw it as an example of the parish community working together.

**Quiz Night.** Joe announced that another Quiz Night was planned for either 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Pudding Club.** It was agreed to re-name this 'Pudding's Galore' to avoid any confusion with the 'official' Pudding Club. June 30<sup>th</sup> was agreed as the date for this event.

**Cake Sale.** It was agreed we had enough fund raising events planned, so this sale could be abandoned.

**Christmas raffle.** Joe said he would run another Christmas raffle this December.

## **Other**

**Parish Website.** It was agreed that the new website was extremely good and professional. Ian Clarke was thanked in his absence for all his hard work. Godfrey passed on Ian's thanks to all the contributors.

**Parish Field.** Fr had received a letter from the Balsall Common Residents' Association about the state of the field. Parties had been held in it and rubbish left behind. During discussion it emerged that residents had left their own rubbish on the wrong side of their fence and in one case had abandoned their old fence. It was agreed that Anne Santos would attempt to find out if the far boundary fence belonged to this parish. Godfrey would draft a letter to the residents, for Fr to send, which would express our concern and the need for us to work together with them. A grand clearing-up was suggested for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Dominic will provide bnags and gloves.

**Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 8.00p.m.