

## **Blessed Robert Grissold Parish Pastoral Council**

*Minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007*

### **1. Present**

- Father Sebastian
- Maureen Carroll
- Dominic Green
- Joe Martin
- Ann Dodd
- Margaret Collins

### **2. Apologies**

- Chris Mitchell
- Chris Burleigh
- Godfrey Chesshire
- Ian Clarke

### **3. Matters Arising**

None

### **4. Faith Formation**

*a) Date for Confirmation is 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008 9:30 am*

Father has 2 volunteers but needs 1 more to assist with training. Classes should start mid-October / November.

*b) 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion*

Ellie Clarke- Classes to start after Christmas

*c) Youth Ministry*

Youth leader required to lead youth group, possibly meet once a month. Youth 2000 in diocese would come to help organise. There are still spaces available for World Youth Day in July 2008.

*d) Next Youth Mass to be arranged on 25<sup>th</sup> November, as it is the diocesan Youth Day.*

*Ian Clarke will be coordinating it.*

*e) Harvest Mass 14<sup>th</sup> October*

As agreed last year, FIRESIDE charity to be beneficiary of parish donations. Ian Clarke will coordinate it.

### **5. Liturgy and Sunday Mass**

*a) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November: Retreat for Indian community will take place in our church.*

Father will concelebrate Indian Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*b) Training and Rotas for Altar Servers*

Suggested two teams with a leader each, Callum Sharpe and Emily Green to be asked to be leaders. Each server will be given job within the team.

Jo Martin and Dominic Green to coordinate - a Saint Stephen's Guild to be started.

c) *Rota For Different Ministries*

- Rotas working well generally but greater care needed arranging cover when going away.
- Suggested that rotas are renewed in relay rather than all at once.
- Beginning of November will see fresh appeal for readers
- Maureen Carroll to organise visits for sick and those living alone. Maureen will look for volunteers.

d) *Music*

- No volunteers as yet for organist. Thanks to the Choir, Linda Chesshire and instrumental group for their contribution.
- It was suggested that responsorial psalm may be said occasionally.
- More singers are required

Carol Service- 23rd December 6:30 pm(Sorry members that the date has to be changed due to clash of programmes on 16<sup>th</sup> - Fr.Sebastian)

Ian Clarke will coordinate the service.

- Linda Chesshire has agreed to play
- Maureen Carroll and assistant(s) to organise readers
- It was suggested that a few popular hymns may be added to the carol service.

e) *Weekly Bulletin*

- Redemptorist bulletin layout could be used.
- Godfrey Chesshire, John Perry, Ian Clarke and Kevin McGovern to meet and arrange rotation.

f) *Buying a Pall For Funeral*

- Forward request to finance committee

## **6. Finance**

a) *1/2 year Report, fairly good.*

- Forecast for 4 quarters about right
- More detailed accounts at next meeting

b) *Future Fundraising*

- Quiz Night 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Christmas raffle. J. Martin to ask for donations for prizes.
- Programme for next year to be discussed at next meeting

## **7. Charities and Social Events**

a) *Millennium Breakfast*

- Date to be decided

b) *December 8<sup>th</sup> Indian Thanks Giving Dinner*

- Father thinks parish contributing well for a small parish and would like to thank people of the parish by providing Indian meal at minimal cost.
- Dominic Green to co-ordinate

c) *Puddings Galore*

- Thanks to Bridie McSorley for raising 600 pounds.

d) *Quiz Night*

- 78 tickets sold

e) *Coffee Evening*

- Maureen Carroll to organise for November

**8. AOB**

a) *Dishwasher*

- Quote expensive- 1900 pounds + VAT & plumbing. Put on hold until finances more stable.

**9. Date Of Next Meeting**

- 13<sup>th</sup> November after 7:30 Mass