

**Blessed Robert Grissold
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting Held 3rd April 2008**

Present: Fr Sebastian, Joe Martin, Chris Burleigh, Margaret Collins, Dominic Green, Maureen Carroll.

Apologies: Chris Mitchell, Terry Biles, John McClelland, Godfrey Chesshire.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Matters Arising

Joe reported that he had calculated there were 78 people on church rotas, giving some 2300 hours per year.

Mass had been held at Knight's Court on 28th February

The latest CaFE had not been well attended. Two evenings had to be cancelled for different reasons. Average attendance was only four people.

Everything had gone very well during Holy Week.

The minutes of 18th September 2007 were then agreed.

Faith Formation

Confirmation Classes. The children are well prepared and all plans are in place. The Mass booklet is ready, refreshments have been organised, and the servers will rehearse on the Friday before. Joe will contact Corndell Furniture about new chairs for the altar. Thanks were recorded to Theresa and Madeleine for preparing the children.

Youth Mass.

Leslie Richie-Yates, Ian Clarke and Clare Keane are preparing a Youth Mass for 13th April.

First Holy Communion. This will take place on 8th June, with First Confessions just after Easter. Classes are being held each Monday by Ellie Clarke for the five candidates.

Altar Servers. Training is going well. We need to appeal for more servers, and to plan further training. We should put the servers rotas on the parish website.

Music. Father noted that the choir and music had been excellent at Easter. He also noted that the Guitar Group had some new members.

Youth Group . This is run by Leslie Ritchie-Yates with help from Rebecca and from John Kuzminski. The group has started to sell Fair Trade Items after Sunday Mass.

Parish website. We have received an enquiry from Catholic Today for an article. Fr has recorded our web address for the diocesan directory. Fr noted that only 40% of parishes have a website.

A subscription of £60 to renew the website for next year, has been paid.

Finance

Finance Committee.

The meeting of 8th April has been moved to 13th May.

We have recently purchased the hall blinds at a cost of £1300. Thanks were recorded to Joe Martin for this.

Martin Dunne accompanied the electrician who has replaced all the bulbs at a cost of £1400.

The boiler once again needs repair.

Margaret Collins reported that there will be no reduction in Gift Aid tax relief for 3 years, following the reduction in the rate of standard tax.

The tree in the car park requires pruning. Martin Dunne should first be consulted, as he is the parish health and safety co-ordinator.

Charities and Social Events.

Parish Dinner. So far we have 42 names for the Parish Dinner on 10th May.

Quiz Night. This will now be held in September. Kathy Jones has asked for volunteers to help, so she and Bob can hand over on a future occasion and thereby take part in the quiz themselves.

Other events. A Race Night may be organised in early November. Dominic O'Brien is looking into this. The Village Hall would have to be booked for the wooden floor.

Charities. Maureen C mentioned that she had once again been contacted by the Leamington Music Group about the possibility of a concert at our church.

HCPT. There will be a coffee evening in December.

AOB

Julia Greensall would like to donate her tapestry made by Fr Ed's Women's Group in Peru.

The parish would like a Kerala Mass before the school holidays.

We should consider saying Mass at Rose Court.

Health and Safety.

The kitchen microwave needs to be checked. The fridge may not pass the Solihull H&S inspection.

Kitchen cleaning. We need to have a thorough clean before the visit from the Solihull MBC inspector.

Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 17th June 2008 at 7.30p.m.