

**Blessed Robert Grissold
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting Held 23rd September 2008**

Present: Fr Sebastian, Joe Martin, Chris Burleigh, Margaret Collins, Dominic Green, Ann Dodd, Chris Mitchell.

Apologies: Anne Santos, Ian Clarke, Maureen

The meeting opened with a prayer. Fr then showed a short video about mission in the parish.

Matters Arising

No date has been set for the Youth Mass

Day of Adoration to be postponed until 21st October as Fr will be in Rome.

The Blessed Robert Grissold breakfast had gone well. The gentlemen of the parish are to be congratulated.

The Kerala community appreciated the cakes provided for their meeting. Thanks to Margaret and Bridie.

The parish very much appreciated Fr Sijo standing in for Fr Sebastian while he was away. CB to ask Godfrey to write a letter of thanks.

Faith Formation

Fr explained that every parish has received a DVD on 6 areas – Mission in the Parish, Mission outside the parish, Practical steps, Mission to Young people, Mission through Service, Mission in the Power of the Holy Spirit (Parish spirituality).

Fr asked for a small committee to be formed to concentrate on the Mission within the Parish theme. The DVD was to be circulated to pastoral council members.

Joe suggested an invitation from the pulpit for others to become involved, followed by a special evening meeting.

Children's Liturgy.

There was a discussion regarding the age limit for attending the children's liturgy. It was suggested we ask Claire Keane, but the preference is to explain to parents that they should decide if it is suitable for the child. The cut-off should be around 8-9.

Altar Servers. Training is going well. Joe has 3, possibly 5 candidates for enrolment in the Guild of St Stephen. A new rota has been created. We have 6 servers on the rota at the moment.

Music. The Guitar Group is doing very well and we receive positive comments from visitors. The Choir has re-started their practices and there are two new Quavers.

Day of Adoration . This will be on 21st October. Margaret agreed to start a rota of half-hours slots from 6pm to 9pm. There will be benediction at 9pm.

Harvest Festival. This will be on 6th October. Details will be in the Bulletin.

Readers. The question was raised as to whether we could use a young person for the second reading. The Youth Group would be asked to nominate readers, who must be Confirmed.

Finance

There was no formal report, but Joe indicated that parish finances are sound but could be improved by more covenants and by fundraising.

We need to finance and occasional gardener.

Fundraising and Social

- Quiz on Saturday 27th September
- Horse racing night – no date yet
- Christmas raffle
- Possible trip to Holywell and Llandudno

AOB

The Solihull MBC Environmental Health Inspection will be on 24th September.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 13th October was suggested for a possible meeting open to everybody.