

**BLESSED ROBERT GRISSOLD**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>.2009**

**1.** *Father* Sebastian opened the Meeting with a prayer and then welcomed us to the meeting.

Those present were Father Sebastian, Chris Burleigh, Maureen Carroll, Ian Clarke, Bysse & Judith Gibbs, John McLelland, Joe Martin, Terry Biles.

**2.** Apologies were received from Godfrey Chesshire, Margaret Collins, Ann Dodd, & Dominic Green.

**3.** Minutes were discussed and agreed.

**4.** Faith Formation. Father Sebastian spoke about the importance of this Council ---for the whole parish including the lapsed and the neighbourhood. Hence it was necessary to evaluate past events namely all The Holy Week Celebrations, to how we can improve on them.

Sacrament of Reconciliation----Notice/Label on door of The Confessional/Room

Confessions before Mass on Tuesday & Sunday----This will be published in The Bulletin each week.

Good Friday----Veneration of The Cross---It would help if the cross be upright or handed to each person by the Altars Servers.

Stations of The Cross----sometime during the day and also during Lent.

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil----More participation in The Litany of The Saints. Parishioners to be given the opportunity to remain in church until 12.p.m..

An explanation and more publicity of all Holy Week's Celebrations could encourage parishioners to attend.

Parish Mission.----Father Sebastian discussed this as a possibility sometime next year.---3 Evenings---with a Homily, Service, Confession and ending with Mass on the last day. Each day lasting about 1.1/2 hours. A sub committee will be set up to help Father Sebastian to

organize it. Ian & Maureen agreed to stand and ask other parishioners to join them.

Parish Register.----Father Sebastian said that there should be a Parish Register. Ian will design a form and the Parishioners will be asked to fill it in during Mass sometime in September/October.

**5.** Liturgy & Sunday Mass ---Mass on Easter Sunday was excellent.

Silence before Mass & after Communion is good.

Readers & Servers are good.

Choir is excellent, a good variation of hymns & music.

Clapping ---a personal choice.

Communion Antiphon will be said by Reader as from May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**6.** Finance----The next Finance Meeting is on May 5<sup>th</sup>., hence no amounts/totals could be given.

A new door to The Confessional, a switch in The Disabled Toilet & Repairs to The Fence have been done at a cost of £1000.

A new Microphone is being explored.

Parish Dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. ---Preparations are going well.

**7.** Charities & Social Events---The following events with dates were decided & approved.

June 14<sup>th</sup>. Cake Sale after Mass. Maureen & Judith will organise.

July 5<sup>th</sup>. A Millenium Breakfast.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Family Barbecue.

Oct.17<sup>th</sup>. Quiz Ian & Ellie will organise.

Nov.1<sup>st</sup>. Cooked Breakfast. Men of The Parish will organise.

**8.** A.O.B. Ian was thanked for The Easter Bulletin.

Martin Dunne was thanked for his work on The Confessional Door, The Disabled Toilet & The Fence.

June 7<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment of Altar Servers.

Ian proposed doing A Play with a Religious Theme sometime during Lent next year.

There are still 4 Ministers of Holy Communion to be commissed.

Bysse spoke about The Pro Life Demostration on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Maureen agreed to be Secretary until the end of the year.

**9.** Date of Next Meeting-----June 18<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 7.30p.m..