

**Blessed Robert Grissold
Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2011

Present: Fr. Soji, J. Martin, I. Clarke, K. McGovern, B. Gibbs, J. Gibbs, M. Carroll, D. Green, A. Dodd.

Apologies: M. Collins, G. Chesshire, John Paul, David Green.

1. Matters Arising.

M.C. – Rose Court Mass Thursday April 14th in the afternoon. Time to be confirmed.

- Mass at Knights Court to be left until after Easter.
- Bridie McSorley is willing to assist with a Pudding Club.
- Diary minimum print would be 150. There would be no cost to us as long as 4 pages of advertisements were sold.

I.C. – Agreed to help after Easter.

All – Agreed to go ahead with the diary. Price 50p.

2. Faith Formation.

Fr. Soji – Archbishop and Jesus Youth group visit went very well. The Archbishop was very pleased.

M.C. - Felt it was a great honour for the Archbishop to visit.

B.G. – Suggested that if the occasion arose again a list of parishioners prepared to watch so that they could take part.

Easter Services

- Palm Sunday - process with palms from the parish room.
- Maundy Thursday – Mass 7:30pm. Washing of feet and renewal of Eucharistic Ministers promise during Mass. Exposition until midnight.
- Good Friday – Service 3pm.
- Holy Saturday – Mass 7:30pm Chris Burleigh to be asked to arrange the Paschal fire.
Godfrey to do/arrange readings. Wardens arrange candles.
- Easter Sunday - Mass 9:30am. Renewal of baptismal vows.
- Tuesday 19th April 7:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.

M.C. – 1st house mass of Lent had been a great success.

3. Liturgy and the Sunday Mass.

- Children's Liturgy

B.G. – Could anything be done to improve numbers? Consider opening to wider age range.

J.M. – Pointed out that most children who had made their first Holy Communion became involved in other activities. Eg altar servers, music group.

It was also pointed out the difficulty in providing a liturgy for a wider ostensibly older range of ages.

K.McG. – Could children be invited to go?

JM suggested and AD agreed that those arranging the liturgy should be the ones to encourage and decide how it should be delivered.

Children will show what they have been doing to Father when they return at the offertory.

4. Finance.

J.M. – Repairs to the bungalow have been completed at an approximate cost of £4500. A claim has been made to the insurance company. Assessor has made a visit and we are awaiting a decision.

Damage had been caused by seepage through tiles in the shower room and bathroom.

Finance Committee is looking into funding the cost.

K.McG – Could bungalow be inspected on a yearly basis?

J.M. – Cost of professional survey likely to be prohibitive.

Enquire within the parish for a suitably qualified person to make a free annual inspection of building structure.

Father will notify the parish of any problems that arise.

5. Fundraising.

D.G. – Emily Green will run a raffle for a Simnel Cake to be drawn on Palm Sunday.

Millennium Breakfast – May 22nd.

HCPT Coffee Evening – Thursday April 7th 7:30pm.

Bacon Butty Breakfast raised approx £80. Special thanks to Terry Biles for the provisions.

Parish Dinner March 19th.

Cake Sale June 12th.

Quiz October 15th.

AD - suggested a notice be put in the bulletin asking for ideas for fundraising.

Council recognised the need for fresh ideas.

JM – emphasised the need to raise more funds.

Terry Biles to be asked how the research into table top sales is progressing.

6. A.O.B.

B.G. - Thought needs to be given to the positioning and style of the crib well in advance of Christmas.

J.M. – Could Father give some thought as to what he would like to see and let his view be known.

K.McG. - Raised point that the car park was being used during the week on a regular basis by dog walkers.

Action – lock will be put on the gate. Combination same as alarm.

B.G./K.McG – Extension leads cannot be used on high voltage appliances. Fire hazard. Must only be plugged into sockets directly.

Date of Curry Night agreed – September 3rd.

I.C. – Requested articles for the Easter newsletter.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 26th May 7:30pm.