

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2011 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Fr. Kevin, S. Walker, M. Kent, D. Halford, R. Lowe, M. Roberts (Brockworth), L. Bergin (Brockworth), J. Bailey, J. Padden, L. Whitworth, Elizabeth (Brockworth), John (Brockworth) and M. Pinder.

Apologies: Liz Thomas, A. Puddicombe, A. Jewell.

Father Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed four parishioners from Brockworth.

Matters Arising:

David Payne Evening was very well attended in Brockworth. It was described as a good and enlightening evening. A Power Point is available and Lisa Bergin from Brockworth will let us have their display.

Youth Café: Sarah Richards is doing a brilliant job. Therese Johns is now helping to run Youth Café with Sarah and Fr. Kevin.

World Youth Day – 10th – 22nd August: Fund raising is going well. Over £700 raised so far.

A. Jewell attended the Deanery Meeting.

Agenda Items:

Parish Project: Kargi Pastoral Link (Kenya): Excellent African Evening held recently with 12 of our parishioners attending. We are now challenged to help raise money for our parish project for the next 2 years. Perhaps World Youth youngsters could start the ball rolling. (See utube)

M. Kent made reference to the Jubilee Campaign where a film has been shown about the present drought in Northern Kenya.

Brockworth Parish project helps the Zambian Aids children. They also help the Philipines and hold an annual Plant Sale.

New translation of the missal: A September 2011 start with a temporary missal. We should be in full flow from Advent 2011. Three new pieces of music are to be introduced for the diocese to learn. Individual parishes to make own preparations and it was suggested that we prepare jointly with Brockworth. There is a DVD containing 70 hours of information which can be used, sparingly, in conjunction with our own presentation. The RCIA team will plan three or four sessions to take place between June and July 2011. The Translation has now been officially released. Fr. Kevin read us Eucharistic Prayer 3.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter: Two people will be received into the Church this year, and one lady will be Confirmed. Fr. Kevin attended meeting about the Triduum and preparations are well on the way.

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Parishes in Communion for Mission: A. Jewell (Churchdown) and M. Roberts (Brockworth) attending meeting. On the website a positive attitude atmosphere prevails. Difficulty is in what to do in the interim; do we work together now, or do we wait until one priest retires? Parishes must decide for themselves if they wish to remain separate. 2014 is the target year. Would be beneficial to pray about it – maybe on a regular basis at the end of each of our Masses.

Churches Together: The only Catholic members are the Chairman, Bernard Barton-Ancliffe and the Secretary, Ed. Samuels, and Fr. Kevin. Brockworth parish hold an Ecumenical Group on Friday mornings.

‘Of Gods and Men’ Film: This film is to be shown on Wednesday 13th April at Gloucester Guildhall at 6.00 p.m. We have 15 free tickets available.

Sharing about parish in general:

Eucharistic Ministers are now better organised and all parishioners covered for receiving Holy Communion in their homes.

One or two parishioners felt that the meaning can somewhat get lost when children read at Mass. Although they are lovely readers and people are pleased to see children involved, it was felt that maybe more training in the sense of the scriptures might help. Fr Kevin will look into this.

We have two new church cleaners. Need more helpers for Coffee on Sundays.

L. Bergin (Brockworth) asked if, following on from the David Payne’s visit, we would be interested in helping her hold the “Knowing God Even Better” CaFé series after Easter. She has the video and is hoping to get it changed to DVD; failing that, she will purchase the DVD. We will advertise in our Church Bulletin for anyone interested in helping, before advertising the actual event which will possibly be held on a Wednesday evening.

Fr. Kevin was delighted with his 50th birthday party, held at the Churchdown Community Centre where over 200 people attended, ranging from a 4 month old to a 95 year old. A good time was had by all.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.