

Our Lady's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

19th May 2010.

8.00 p.m.

Present: Fr. K. Hennessey, K. Richards, S. Walker, A. Puddicombe, L. Thomas, R. Lowe, M. Kent, J. Padden, A. Jewell and M. Pinder.

Apologies: J. Bailey, Liz Whitworth

1. Richard Lowe kindly took photos of all members of the Council.
2. Karen Richards, a representative of Kargi Pastoral Link (UK & Kenya) spoke to the meeting about the charity that our parish is hoping to help financially. Aysha (one of our parishioners), returns from her fact-finding mission in Kenya where she is establishing links particularly with women and children and what they need from us. For more information, please see Karen or Aysha as they have a stack of filed information available. It is hoped that a Presentation, after 10.30 a.m. Mass, will take place soon after Aysha returns to this country so that we, and the parish can see photos and get a flavour of the situation in the Nkagi Region. Leaflets and posters will be available.

3. Our Parish Welcome Leaflet is ready.

It has proved difficult to hand out hymn books with children. Fr. Kevin may just ask people who are available at the time.

Tony, at the 8.30 a.m. Mass tends to direct people to places.

Fr. Kevin does not have to be Chaplain when the Army move into Innsworth (an Anglican Chaplain will be in place); our church will be available to all Catholic newcomers.

4. Anne Jewell will be representing us at the Deanery Pastoral Council this week.
5. The Pastoral Council is to organise a Service of Anointing of the Sick to be held at 3.00 p.m. on 18th July. Fr. Kevin will provide a list of people to invite; some housebound, some not, and we will organise lifts and food.
6. Four young people from our parish have signed up for World Youth Day. All our diocesan places are now filled and our parish can feel that they will be well represented in Madrid. The Finance Committee will go some way to helping them and fund raising will take place in the parish with a quiz, coffee and cake sale etc. A DVD will be shown on 13th June.
7. Parish Social: Liz Thomas has offered to co-ordinate parish socials on a regular basis, starting with a suggestion of a Paella night and/or chilli night. This would also be a good opportunity to get to know newcomers.
8. Papal Visit on 16-19 September: Council of Priests suggest that we need to think about how we can use this visit as a platform to build upon. John Henry Newman is to be beatified. Thinking of getting someone in to talk to the parish about him. Fr. Kevin to discuss with Jackie Bailey.
9. Parish in General: A new document is being launched on 23rd June. It is hoped that all Pastoral Councils will be represented at Clifton Cathedral: *"Bishop Declan invites you to come to the Cathedral for the launch of 'Parishes in Communion for Mission'. Following comprehensive consultation this new booklet outlines our vision for the future organisation of parishes. The launch is on Wednesday 23 June 2010".* Taken from the Clifton Diocesan Website:

We had a small congregation at last Sunday's 10.30 a.m. Mass. However there are lots of young families.

Our Children's Liturgy is a blessing.

We have 38 First Holy Communicants this year – over 2 Sundays (20th and 27th June).

10. David Payne (ex-drug addict and producer of the Café DVD's) is speaking at St. Patrick's, Brockworth, on 16th June at 7.30 p.m. This will be advertised in the bulletin.
10. A new missal is being launched next year in an attempt to get back to original translation. This has proved a little controversial with feelings by some of 'imposition' and 'no consultation' being voiced, but our Bishop asks us to be positive. All priests will be attending a 3 day training course.
12. The Glastonbury Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on 18th July. A coach from Gloucester may go – Fr. Kevin to enquire. We will advertise in the bulletin.
13. The Latin Mass Society has asked if it can use our church regularly on a Sunday. Given that we have Baptisms, Justice & Peace Services, Benediction and Ecumenical services from time to time, we felt it impractical to offer our church for use. Prinknash provide Mass in the Tridentine rite.
13. Pearl Bird is still hoping to retire soon. At present, Carol Tudor is helping with Sacristan's duties.

Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Next Meeting: 14th July 2010.