

**Holy Family Catholic Church
(Freckleton and Warton)
1 Lytham Road, Warton, Preston, PR4 1AD
Parish Pastoral Council
7 July 2016 at 7.00pm**

Present: Fr Kevin Lowry John Catterall Sally Sutton Mr Manfredi
Catherine Potter Jane Ireland Bernard Whittle Denise King
Linda Smith Caroline Bunce Jan Courtney-Whiteside Christina King
Bernadette Holliday Tony Holliday Helen McDowell (minutes)

1. **Opening Prayer & Welcome:** Fr Kevin opened the meeting with a Brother Roger Taize prayer and a Glory Be. CP welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Hayley Benyon, Barry Holliday and Linda Forster
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** agreed as a correct record.
4. **Correspondence:** Fr Kevin advised of thank you letter from Freckleton Club Day Committee for the help on the water station and cheque for £50 for the parish.
5. **Ecumenical News:** Fr Kevin referred to celebrations of Queens 90th birthday held at Methodist hall, Club Day Service and that there were no plans for further meeting of the clergy but hoped something would happen soon.
6. **Sub Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 **Administration:** DBS noted nothing to report.
 - 6.2 **Communication:**
 - (i) **Website:** stats for website noted 231 users over the month, 42.7% returning visitors and 57.3% new visitors.
 - 6.3 **Liturgy:** Fr Kevin referred to the items below and thanked everyone that put in so much effort.
 - (i) **Little Church:** still going well and there was more children who were keen to get involved. Discussed that it was a mixed age group but this worked well as they helped each other. DK keen to keep the group together.
 - (ii) **Catechists:** Fr Kevin referred to the following:
 - Following catechist meeting Sarah and Lyn were looking to go into school two times a term to speak to year six with a view to them helping with the little ones.
 - Looking to recruit more catechists.
 - Mass of canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta on 4 September, Hayley and Sarah would be preparing the children to be involved on that day.
 - 6.4 **Pastoral Formation:**
 - (i) **Good Neighbouring Team:** Afternoon tea still going well and had not had less than 20 attending and sometimes young ones help out. No response following recent inclusion in the bulletin. Fr Kevin said at the next meeting he would look at the good neighbour group looking at the three care homes in the parish to look at ways to support their initiatives, also bring some of the residents to the afternoon tea and also look at involvement of the care home recreation times.
 - (ii) **Confirmation/First Holy Communion:** was a lovely evening, 10 confirmed on 9 June, and 8 made First Holy Communion at the end of May. Fr Kevin thanked the catechists and said he would like to look at confirmations being held annually by linking with the Willows rather than every three years. Mr Manfredi said children really enjoyed the celebrations and had talked about it in assembly. Also good to get positive comments from the First Holy Communion group this year. Fr K said he would be looking to recruit some of the children as altar servers after September.
 - (iii) **Continuing Formation:** meeting in the hall to discuss priesthood went well, with approximately 25 people from Westby and Holy Family. Fr Kevin put out 3 questions about the priesthood and its future, the priest of today and what they should look like. There was a lively discussion and four parishioners would be meeting to look at the feedback and decide what to do with all the comments and thoughts. Fr Kevin said it was crucial to the future and what brings us together and he would look at other areas of exploration further down the line ie topic for Advent. Suggestions welcome from parishioners.

6.5 Social:

- (iv) **Club Day:** DK said went well and had good weather, preparations ran smoothly and now had a few willing to help but was open to having more people helping.
- (v) **Mass at School:** DK referred to two stalls at school strawberry fayre, jigsaw stall made £38, treasure hunt tombola made £56. Mr Manfredi thanked everyone for Sunday and to those that helped. A total of £825.30 raised.
- (vi) **BBQ:** on 12 August was the next event to start with Mass at 6.30pm. Noted sunrise was at 8.45pm and would be finished by 9.15pm. CK to provide information for advertising at school within the next two weeks.
- (vii) **Quiz and Bingo:** to be held on 21 October.
- (viii) **Sally's Angels:** 7 girls aged 9 to 13. In May they had a pilgrimage to Our Lady at St Peter's and a walk on the beach to collect stones for painting, the talk in May was a devotion to our Lady. In June they painted the stones and gave to their Fathers as paperweights, the talk was on generosity and explained being generous could mean other things such as sharing time and friends. Not had a meeting in July. CK to provide poster to JCW to try to recruit new girls from school.
- (ix) **Youth:** CP referred to sufficient help on the water station. Next group meeting would be on 7 August for the leaflet drop, with subway Sunday and then go up to new houses at Riversleigh and walk back.

6.6 CAFOD: Hayley Benyon had provided a report on the following:

- (i) Holy Family CAFOD team & parishioners + deanery friends, gathered to remember our neighbours overseas who are refugees, because they were forced to leave their homes & countries due to war + persecution. We were privileged to have a Lampedusa cross in our parish, which was made from a boat carrying refugees where sadly over 300 men, women & children died. You can see the cross in church & read all about how the crosses were made as a sign of hope for the survivors...
- (ii) We have raised monies to buy 17 CAFOD world gifts to feed a refugee family in crisis & have 40+ message cards, which will be sent into the detention camps to state our support & solidarity. They had received some lovely feedback from the service - that it was powerful to share a pilgrimage journey of prayer + reflection & as Pope Francis kindly reminds us we need to act in welcome, respect & love...

6.7 **Finance:** J Catterall referred to Account No 1 and budget income of £39,000 and expenditure £36,000. If we keep to budget would be £3k better off. Set of accounts to April had £21,000 in the bank and this was going better than planned. Account No 2 balance of approx £4,300 with income of £1,250, Account No 3, 500 club had a yearly amount of £2,240, half paid back throughout the year and what was left was transferred to Account No 2.

6.8 **Property Management:** new booking for the hall for Slimming World that had 28 members, if numbers increase the group would book additional hours. Garage roof done. Work to be done was lighting in church, DK asked for light in club day store room.

6.9 **Allotments:** J Cartmell said noting to report, J Catterall asked if the allotment group could hold their meetings somewhere else on a Thursday because of hall booking. J Catterall to speak to Jenny Cartmell.

7. Any Other Business:

- (i) **Westby:** new Contractor in place and work would begin on 8 August. Meeting next week with the contractor, architect and diocesan property manager. First mass at St Nicholas' would be on 13 August at 4.30pm. Looking at 4 months that Westby would be closed.

8. Dates of Meetings: Thursdays at 7pm, Dates of meetings:

8th September, AGM to be held on 13th October 2016. CP would be doing something to encourage people to come to the AGM

9. Closing Remarks and Prayers: Fr Kevin thanked every one for coming. The meeting closed at 7.55pm