

Holy Family Catholic Church
(Freckleton and Warton)
1 Lytham Road, Warton, Preston, PR4 1AD
Parish Pastoral Council
27 April 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Fr Kevin Lowry John Catterall Catherine Potter Denise King
Peter McGuinness Jo Wray Bernadette Holliday Ella Holliday
Helen McDowell (minutes)

1. **Opening Prayer & Welcome:** Fr Kevin opened the meeting with a reading from St Paul to the Corinthians and a Glory Be. CP welcomed everybody to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Christina King, Bernard Whittle, Hayley Benyon, Barry Holliday, Tony Holliday and Sally Sutton.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** agreed as a correct record.
4. **Correspondence:** CP referred to letter from Lancaster that Fr Kevin is paid sufficiently CP had passed this to Linda Forster.
5. **Ecumenical News:** Fr Kevin said nothing happened since the last report on the weekly prayer for Christian Unity and what went on in Advent.
6. **Sub Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 **Administration**
 - 6.1.1 **Communication:** nothing to report.
 - 6.1.2 **Holy Family School:** Fr Kevin referred to internal appointment of Pam Moloney as Deputy Head and the school have a full compliment at the moment. He also advised of cutbacks to funding staff and the finance committee have a difficult time in working out the budget for next year but this was happening at every school. Fr K suggested that ahead of the next meeting that Austin could be asked to give a quarterly report to let us know what he wants to highlight to the parish. Fr Kevin said pastorally and spiritually quite a lot happening ie mass at school more regularly. Fr Kevin hoped that a few more masses in the future might be led by the school children.
 - 6.2 **Liturgy:** Fr Kevin referred to the following:
 - 6.2.1 **Little Church:** going very well always a lot of children, have a good team of catechists.
 - 6.2.2 **Holy Week:** Good Friday morning was good as was choir and the dressing of the church. EH said egg hunt was good.
 - 6.2.3 **May Procession:** arrangements sorted Jackie/Helen arranging the hymns. Estee Parkinson was the queen but not sure who the cushion bearer was.
 - 6.2.4 **First Communion:** going well, Fr Kevin said the preparation had been run as a modern day parish should be run. There were 6 for the First Communion.
 - 6.3 **Pastoral Formation:**
 - (i) **Good Neighbouring Team:** DK afternoon tea held this afternoon and they had toasted tea cakes and had held a raffle. DK said provisions of cakes etc was funded by donations.
 - (ii) **Continuing formation:** CP said last time discussed opportunities for the parish and what we want to go ahead and do, had Mohamed also Medaille Trust but looking for some direction for the future. Fr Kevin circulated letter from Pope Francis on what a parish should be like and how to review and renew and suggested we look at what we can do as a parish to support the Medaille Trust initiative both spiritually and financially. Fr Kevin referred to Westby parish meeting the day prior and lot of interest and thoughts for the future. He suggested we look at a few months ahead into having a themed Sunday. BH suggested Westby/Holy Family join together on Sunday morning for Mass. CP to talk to Mike King regarding this. JC said need to be careful as Holy Family have the choice of two masses. Fr Kevin said he would be discussing with the new Bishop Mass times between Westby and Holy Family. Fr Kevin said he would also be looking to divide his time between the two parishes and would be doing more in favour of Westby than he had been.

6.4 **Social:** No report from JCW and CP was looking to find out what money was in the pot. The following was discussed:

- (ii) **Bollywood:** went well. HM thanked everybody for their help in setting up the hall.
- (iii) **Sally's Angels:** report from Sally Sutton on the following: Girls meet on the first Monday of every month except January and August. At the moment they had 6 girls aged from 10 to 13. Activities so far had been Baking, made decorative angels, decorated Easter eggs and subject of talks were, the need to be responsible students and loyal friends, ideas on how to live Lent well and reverence and manners in Church.
- (iv) **Youth Group:** CP referred to forest skills on 21 May, Maundy Thursday the youth lead the Mass and trip to Lancaster was planned to meet up with Mohammad. The youth would also do the water station for Freckleton half marathon,
- (v) **Future events:**
 - **Club day:** DK waiting for responses from letters from school. Theme is sacraments dependent on how many children we get. Session on 14 May for design of the float and meeting on 4 May to discuss the plans.
 - **Strawberry Fayre:** to be held on 2 July. CP said normally the parish helped to do a stall but JCW not present so need to discuss this with JCW.
 - **Outdoor Mass:** to be held on 4 August. CP running this with the Hollidays, need to discuss tickets with Christina and what to charge CP thought last year was £2. CP also to arrange the entertainment in the hall.

6.5 **CAFOD:** report from HB referred to the following:

- CAFOD Lenten Service was attended by Fylde Deanery parishioners and raised £225 for the famine crisis in East Africa. All generations of CAFOD supporters prayed together for the countries affected and lit a candle and put messages of hope our 'famine' tree. The event was reported with a photo of our Holy Family CAFOD team, in the local Lytham St Anne's Express paper.

6.6 **Property Management/Finance:** John C to provide information.

- (i) **Account No 1 (Current) and Account No 2 (Building Fund):** The two accounts are awaiting end of year auditing and JC will report on the outcome at the next meeting.
- (ii) **500 Club:** sharing money with Westby and £90 would be paid to St Anne's worked out proportionately on £1,110 income with 120 people, out of the 120 people 9 where from St Anne's.
- (iii) **Property Repairs:**
 - Roof cost £200, boiler and stonework being looked at and Porch roof £1,750 +vat now complete. JC referred to ongoing issue with the hall fire alarm system and had been checked by David Haymer. HM to ask family member to look at this. JC also advised that two new batteries had been replaced at a cost of £26.
 - **Hall rental:** since the last meeting the now hall booked for 9 ¼ hours per week compared to 4 hours at the last meeting.
 - Pilates 6 weeks running Wednesday morning.
 - Baby massage running Wednesday afternoon.
 - Zumba and slimming world running Thursday evening and Saturday morning.
 - A few birthday parties booked.
 - **Allotments:** All full.
- (iv) **Fund raising for new organ:** CP said brought up at the last meeting and had found report from early 2000s that said the organ was old and had recommend it be replaced. CP said looking at a pre loved organ from a company in Oldham. CP said to be looked at in the future.

6.7 **Any Other Business:**

- 6.7.1 Ella said Mohamed after the visit she had got feedback and he had felt very welcome by the parish and how supportive people were and would love to come to help with the youth group and come back to the parish to do more work. EH was talking to Fr Kevin and Barry and would like to fund items such as clothing for interviews for a small group of people that Mohamed live with if they get there applications approved. EH asked whether it was worth producing a leaflet on how things had progressed since he had been here. CP said well done to EH for setting this up.

6.7.2 **Spiritual formation:** Fr Kevin asked people to think about holding a short retreat on prayer or scripture which could be 45 minute reflection in the hall and then set up church for some thoughts. He felt this could be repeated morning and afternoon.

7. **Dates of Meetings:** Thursdays at 7pm, Dates of meetings: 6th July, 14th September, AGM to be held on 12th October.

8. **Closing Remarks and Prayers:** There were no closing remarks. CP thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed 8.30pm