

MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Geraldine Gallacher
Mgr Vincent Harvey
Barbara King
Richard Luker
Liz Lovegrove
Rev Pat Madden
Greg Medalla
Sister Mary Patrick
Tony Spiteri

Apologies: Colin Davidson
Alison Ford

Date: Thursday 21st February, 2008

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The meeting opened at 8 pm. Fr Vincent read the first reading of the 3rd Sunday in Lent, and said a prayer for God's guidance.

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 **Stewardship.** Tony gave some comments on the progress of the second meeting of the Stewardship Group, which had taken place on 8th February. According to him, the objective is to form people's view of Stewardship. Tony felt that the two leaders had spoken rather more than they ought, and the rest of the audience not enough, but this was only to be expected, given that objective. The same pair will lead the next meeting (22nd February), and will then leave us to our own devices. For various reasons, ours is a 'guinea pig' group, and we are feeling our way towards the development of a strategy.

1.2 **Social Committee.** No development for the time being.

1.3 **Communications within the Parish.** Tony displayed the photographs he had taken last time, and it was resolved to place them on the notice board, and also to organise their placing on the website.

1.4 **Lighting/paving etc between church and school.** VH explained he had done nothing more for the time being, but intended to approach the Headteacher as soon as school recommences after half-term.

2 **NWHPA** Fr Vincent gave a review of a meeting held on 2nd February. There had been two focuses of attention: i) Communications within the area, and ii) the Pastoral Area website. There had also been some discussion as to the understanding of the term 'ministry', and also of whether the Area has the need to employ anyone. If it does, who would that be, and how exactly would they be paid?

At present, the situation is somewhat disparate, as all the Co-ordinating Pastors are moving at different rates, and all taking slightly differing approaches. The question had also been raised of migrants, ie non-English groups within the Area.
A further meeting was to be held on 4th March.

3 **Extra-ordinary form of Mass.** Discussions continue with the parishioner who is leading approaches on the subject. Mgr Vincent explained that while he personally is quite keen - as also is the bishop - to see a favourable resolution of this matter, various formalities were threatening to obstruct the process. However, he was hopeful that there would be a successful out-turn.

4 Ministries. Mgr Vincent said there was the need for more ministers in many fields, particularly readers, eucharistic ministers and welcomers. However, it was not immediately apparent where any particular weakness lies, so he will check his facts and re-approach the next meeting.

5 Items for Newsletter. It was agreed that the items regarding Stewardship and the lighting/paving between church and school should be placed in the Newsletter, and the January PPC Minutes should be posted to the website.

6 Any Other Business.

a) Mandatum: Mgr Vincent asked for volunteers to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday. Liz, Sister Paddy, Richard and Tony said they would be there and available if required!

b) Streetpastors: Mgr Vincent explained the idea underlying this concept, and asked anyone interested to go to a meeting on 13th March to find out more.

7 Date of Next Meeting. Because on the timing of Easter this year, it was resolved to miss the March meeting, and accordingly the next meeting of PPC will be on Thursday 17th April 2008, at 8 pm in St Bede's Meeting Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.