

## MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Barbara King  
Geraldine Gallacher  
Mgr Vincent Harvey  
Richard Luker  
Sister Mary Patrick  
Tony Spiteri

Apologies: Colin Davidson  
Alison Ford  
Liz Lovegrove  
Rev Pat Madden  
Greg Medalla

Date: Thursday 15th May, 2008

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The meeting opened at 8 pm with a reading of the Gospel for Holy Trinity, and a short prayer by Mgr Harvey.

### 1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 **Stations of the Cross:** Mgr Harvey said he had commissioned an artist to produce a set of painted pictures to accompany the Stations of the Cross in St Bede's Church. As yet there was no indication either of the cost of this work, or of the time the artist would require to complete it. Further information would be passed on as it was received.

1.2 **Ministry:** What ministries do we think we need to develop, and how can we develop them?

This item was largely confined to a discussion of whether PPC felt it appropriate to replace Pat Madden with a permanent deacon when he leaves the parish in the autumn. No clear view was expressed, although the prevailing feeling seemed to be that this would be a good move. A number of members expressed surprise when they learned that deacons receive no stipend *of right*, which is the reason that all permanent deacons have a daytime job. This factor, of course, has a limiting effect on the rôle a deacon can play in the life of the parish.

In reply to a question, Mgr Harvey said the matter of deacons' pay is dependent only on finance; there is nothing in canon law that says a deacon may not be paid, and if a parish could afford to do so, then it might.

1.3 **Items for Newsletter.** It was agreed that the April PPC Minutes should be posted to the website.

2 **Any Other Business.** There was none.

3 **Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday 19th June, 2008, at 8 pm in St Bede's Meeting Room.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

5) It was resolved to carry forward the following items for future consideration:

- 1) **Social Committee**
- 2) **Lighting/paving etc between church and school**
- 3) **Extra-ordinary form of Mass (eg: Tridentine or 1962 Rite)**
- 4) **Communications within Parish**
- 5) **Social Committee/Autumn Fair**