

MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending:

Mgr Vincent Harvey
Rev Show Reddy Gali
Colin Davidson
Geraldine Gallagher
Barbara King
Liz Lovegrove
Elizabeth Ford
Richard Luker
Greg Medalla
Tony Spiteri

Apologies:

Sister Mary Patrick

Date: Thursday 19th March, 2009

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To open the meeting, Liz read the Gospel for the 4th Sunday in Lent, followed by a short prayer from Msgr Harvey

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 PPC Elections

It was confirmed that these will take place on Sunday 10th May, 2009. Nominations will close on 22nd April.

1.2 Training for new PPC members

Nicky Stevens will be present for the meeting to be held on 18th June, and at least some training will be carried out then.

2. Pastoral Area Meeting with the Bishop.

This meeting had recently taken place, attended by North West Hampshire Pastoral Area Team. The Bishop had sent out a detailed questionnaire - as much to provide an agenda as for any other reason. Speakers had spoken to the questionnaire preferring to look at the challenges, frustrations and questions we face.

The Bishop had suggested that a smaller Leadership Team be created that could drive the process and ensure decisions of the larger group are implemented. Stewardship was also strongly advocated.

3 Centrality of the Eucharist.

The meeting conducted a brief discussion of the discussion document written by Canon Griffiths. The point that some of the difficulties faced today in relation to the celebration of the Sunday Mass was possibly due to a lack of vision 40 years or so ago was considered. The general feeling was that the Eucharist is essential, as without that we should soon become just another interest group. Today the challenge was to provide the celebration of the Eucharist around the area; with diminishing number of priests this is proving more and more of a challenge.

4 Items for Newsletter

It was agreed that the minutes of the PPC February meeting should be placed on the Internet.

5 Any Other Business

i) Msgr Harvey reported that the situation over the car-park lights is worse, rather than better, in that 2 lights have failed in the Church car-park. Yet again, he agreed to approach the School about this.

ii) In reply to a query, Msgr Harvey explained that the company Mongers had been appointed to repaint the lines several months ago, but had still not started the work. He would ask John Botting to approach the company again.

iii) Msgr Harvey confirmed that the Vigil Mass of Easter would commence at 8.30 in the evening. While it may not be fully dark at that time, it will certainly be dark enough to proceed.

6 Date of next meeting

This will take place in St Bede's meeting room at 8.00 pm on Thursday 16th April, 2009.