

Sacred Heart Church

Parish Council

Notes 13th November 2007

1. Present: Deacon Paul, Andrew Clingan, Rita Garner
2. Apologies from Fran van Berkel, Fr Carl, Georges Jouceand and Mark Margiotta

3. Finance

Tim Cullen to be asked by Dc Paul for a summary of planned giving to include the following information:

- Standing orders: new numbers of people using SO, old numbers and total, also total in £
- Planned giving envelopes: new numbers of people using
Then of the totals altogether above those that use Gift Aid: new and old and total in number of people.

Dc Paul to add the total giving for 2006, 2007 and therefore estimated for 2008. The planned giving had shown an increase from July 2007 onwards. Thanks expressed to Tim Cullen and his team for their work.

The Finance and Fabric Committee is due to meet in the next month. The meeting is timed to ensure that draft accounts for the year to Dec 2007 can be prepared that include the major expenditure for 2007 (Parish Room and Diocesan 5 year survey work).

Dc Paul to ask the Finance and Fabric committee to have a joint meeting with Parish Council at the January meeting where we could have the accounts and plans for 2008 as a major agenda item. The Parish Council would like to learn more detail of the funding of the Parish and the Finance Committee have this knowledge and experience. **Action Dc Paul to Les Weller (chair of F+F committee)**

It was agreed to also have as part of this meeting fundraising as it would be important to have a medium term plan to reduce/clear the current overdraft.

4. Mass for people with learning disabilities: Andrew waiting a response from Maureen Churchill re Deanery Mass at Sacred Heart. It was agreed we would like to include this in the plans for next year.
5. Social Justice issues: Andrew Clingan gave the following information on Cafod activities since the last meeting.
 - £518 raised at a Curry night in September
 - £459 raised at a Bridge afternoon in October
 - £305 Catholaity Bazaar stall run by people from several parishes
 - £407 from general donations total for the first 6 months 2007.

Future planned events: an Italian Evening on 8th December in St Peter's Church Hall, Advent lunches in Sacred Heart Parish room for the 3 Thursdays in Advent following the noon Mass at approx 12.30. SVP have 2 new members and would like to know of people who are seeking assistance and support.

6. Agenda item for January meeting: achievements of 2007 and plans and priorities for 2008. Each member of the Parish council is asked to prepare a short summary of achievements and ideas for priorities for next year. Rita Garner agreed to list the actions from Parish Council meetings that we had not been able to progress so we could agree our priorities taking all this into account. Parish Council members to seek views from the wider congregation before the January meeting.

Action All Parish Council members

7. Notice in the Church Porch to be checked that membership details clear of the Parish council and the Finance and Fabric Committee.

Action Rita Garner

8. Eucharistic Services: discussion on whether these might be appropriate to avoid changing times of weekday masses when Fr Carl required another priest to celebrate Mass and the times were changed. Agreed to discuss with Fr Carl outside the meeting and discuss at the March meeting.

9. Church opening: a discussion took place exploring the possibilities of opening the church on a planned basis. It was accepted that a city church faced risks of damage and theft and risks to individuals but agreed to discuss more fully with Fr Carl and then at a future meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2008 from 7.30 to 9.30pm