

**ST THERESE OF LISIEUX
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
15 May 2013 at 7pm**

Present: Helen Kemp, Fr Pat Hartnett, Kathy Warrick, James Nevison, Brian O’Leary, Joe McGinnis, Nicole Clark, Donna Marie Benven-Duffield, John Turver.

Apologies: Keith Kilmartin, Irene Lewis, Bill Moloney, Catherine Stott.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptism course has been well attended. An information leaflet has been produced to welcome new members to the parish. Congratulations to the families have been placed in Newsletter. The First Holy Communion Programme and Confirmation Programme also progressing.

Welcomers: It was noted that there is not enough hymn books, mass sheets and newsletters for all to go around at Mass. As to buy new hymn books may be too expensive, it was agreed that John was to source estimates for: a hymn book, projector, laptop. This is to have the projector and screen operational during Mass using MS Powerpoint and/or overhead projector/laminates. The hymn board in the cupboard is to be found and reused.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:



http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/motu_proprio/documents/hf_ben-xvi_motu-proprio_20111011_porta-fidei_en.html

Extracts from the New Catechism of catholic faith had been placed in the parish newsletter and linked to the children’s liturgy. A pre-meeting is required to organise the Year of Faith Reflection dates:

- Friday 31 May 2013
- Friday 20 September 2013

We may possibly have a Holy Hour at the end of Mass at St Therese.

Music

Music is important as it reflects the seasons, the liturgy and special events. The parish would benefit from having a piano player at Mass, as there is a good piano present in the hall. **Action** – An appeal to be placed in the newsletter (Kathy) for a piano player and musicians. It was also suggested that it may be beneficial to meet together with Yarm musicians to share ideas and resources.

The children's choir was discussed doing one Mass per half term and that John would approach Mrs Stott regarding the use of similar music and themes to school end of year masses. John volunteered to draw up a list of masses they can play for and will liase with Irene on Sunday.

VISITING THE SICK, SVP, COMMUNITY WORK, TRANSPORT TO AND FROM MASS

Kathy reported from the SVP Group (Yarm & Ingleby Barwick). The SVP regularly visits the two nursing homes in Ingleby Barwick and feels that residents would benefit from having Holy Communion. There was a discussion on this subject. Previously Helen had sent an email around to Eucharistic ministers asking for their help on this but only one had responded. It was agreed to ask SVP members to take Holy Communion and if necessary for them to be commissioned by Fr Pat. Kathy has 300 SVP miraculous medals and leaflets and would like them to be given to the children. It was agreed that Kathy should contact Catherine Stott to obtain advice on how they are to be appropriately distributed, as various groups (Liturgy, Justice and Peace, Holy Communion Programme) may benefit from them.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There were several suggestions for events: Murder Mystery, Wine and Cheese, Parish Walks. It was agreed to hold another Social Event Meeting with Brian O'Leary. Kathy to obtain a date and email John, Nicole and Donna and place details of the meeting in the Parish Bulletin.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a discussion on the relocation of the parish noticeboard. It was agreed that Fr Pat is to ask Catherine Stott for permission for this to be placed more strategically to attract more people. The repository is also to be moved to attract more custom.

CHURCH BUILDING

Alternative less expensive ways of securing the church building are being sought. (without the presbytery and balcony.) The architect is redesigning the plans and costings are being organised. When finalised another meeting to progress with planning permission and Diocese funding approval will take place.

Other Business:

Fr Pat has some reflections from former Pope Benedict (Theologian) to share with Eucharistic Ministers and readers and it was suggested that sermons for several months reflect this subject to encourage more people to come forward and help with parish ministries.

No further business so the meeting ended with prayers.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26 June 2013 at 7pm in St Therese School.

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