

## Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at Our Lady's, Belper , 7.30pm.

**Present:** Fr Michael, Bernard Holden, Barbara Wareing, Michael Wright, Sally Phillips, David Barlow, Niels Richthof, Patricia Lloyd, John Wareing, Bernadette Copeland

#### 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

**2. Apologies:** Anne Halliday

**3. Minutes of last meeting:** Approved

**4. Matters Arising:** Duffield need another Eucharistic Minister to be trained. Fr M to get application asap for Helena Carrazedo.

**5. Spirituality/Sacramental Preparation:** Musicians have the times of meetings etc over Easter and Holy Week.

Easter Vigil will begin at 9.15pm. We are pleased to be welcoming a candidate for Confirmation and reception into the Church.

Times of services will be in *Journeys*.

The first phase of the **Baptism Preparation** concluded on Sunday. Sherri Medcalf and Lucy Colenso produced a personalised booklet of the Baptismal Service. Thanks were expressed for their work. Barbara W. was thanked for the provision of refreshments.

**The preparation for Holy Communion** progresses for the 2 candidates from Ripley, 14 from Belper and 4 from Duffield. Families are included in the activities. Mr Lowe has kindly offered the use of the school hall to enable all to attend on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Confirmation:** The Briars is focussing on supporting parishes by offering a full day for different groups, including a fun day for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Training by Catechists for Confirmation: Alan and Heather Ward, Lisa Walton, Brenda Davis, John Craddock plan to have several sessions of preparation, possibly with sessions in April, May, June and July, with the last in September. To date, twelve candidates have signed up. Specific dates will be announced asap.

**Youth Meetings:** Jannice has arranged the first of the Meetings for Youth for the Friday of this week, with a Theme of Super Hero. Good interest has been shown.

**6. Evangelisation and Mission.** Fr Michael introduced his idea for taking forward the work of the Mission. He distributed the article from the Good News Magazine of Sept/Oct 2013 <http://www.ccr.org.uk> entitled Parish Evangelisation Cells Hope for the Church. At this stage it was envisioned that an initial group of seven people could work with Fr M on the task of visiting all parishioners over the course of a year. The main concern would be to make newcomers to the parish feel welcome and be quickly become an integral part of the parish. He developed his idea further. The parish would be divided into 7 sections accordingly. Over time, scripture and faith- sharing, praying in groups and the offering of friendship and support would be developed. These cells would grow organically.

A parish Welcome Pack could be made available.

This Parish Pastoral Visiting Team would be chosen by Fr Michael, with a review every three months. CRV checks would be required and some training could be made available. It was suggested that initial forays could begin after Easter to make a start in early summer.

There was discussion of this, bearing in mind that there are many spiritual activity groups already active in the parish. Some suggestions were made that groups with shared interest might work best. For example, Mothers with young children, Parents of older children, Men, Women's groups. It was agreed that the ideas should be tried out to see how things work, perhaps beginning with one or two groups, then progressing to others.

**7. Ecumenical:** CATHOD: currently, no one is taking responsibility for this. The child taking the candle could be the one given the responsibility for the CATHOD cat, as a start.

Belper Churches Together plan to have the Good Friday Procession.

Women's World Day of Prayer was very well attended. Thank you to Eileen Wharam for arranging this. The Duffield group have decided not to hold any further events in Duffield, but are willing to support others nearby who may wish to take responsibility for organising such. Fr M is to discuss this with Kathy Gorman.

Duffield Christian Council are planning a Good Friday Walk of Witness to leave St Alkmund's at 10.00am, followed by a service at Trinity Methodist Church.

The Homelessness Group had a very successful and enjoyable curry evening.

**8. Planning and Structure:** \*Currently awaiting a response from the Chimney Builder. Further contact is to be made this week. \*The fire door in the kitchen area needs work. The plaster is coming off the wall nearby. A joiner is to be contacted for advice.

The Finance Group requested that **advance notice be given of any planned major expenditure.**

The insulation for the house is to be prioritised. Funds are available for this, so this may go ahead, after quotes are received.

The Kitchen fire door is to be fixed.

The Fire Escape at Duffield is a concern. Professional advice is to be sought for this.

A quote is to be researched for a Mower at Duffield.

A Television is to be researched for use in the parish, preferably one that can be fixed to the wall in the St Benedict Room. Another one is needed in the House.

The decorating of St Margaret's and renewal of fascias and soffits are outstanding needs.

It was felt that there is too little room in the sanctuary to place kneelers for the servers with safety.

The broken gutters at Duffield need to be repaired. Peter Killip is to be approached.

**The Requests to the Parish for Charitable Donations need to be addressed.**

**9. Social Events/School Links:** The Ash Wednesday Mass in the school was well supported by parishioners. The children were very responsive.

The numbers at the Leisure Group were somewhat depleted, but the afternoon tea at Causely Lodge was enjoyed.

There is to be a Lenten Frugal Lunch with a Speaker on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

April includes plans for The Stations, and later a Social.

On 28<sup>th</sup> March, the SVP and the Leisure group plan a coffee morning to raise funds for Syria.

From 23<sup>rd</sup> March, tea and coffee will be available after 11am Masses.

The new Head of St Benedict School is Mr Kevin Gritton. News of this can go in the parish bulletin. He wants to ensure good links with the parishes and is working hard to ensure that the grade 6 pupils feel confident about attending Secondary School. He is to be invited to meet with the PPC to see how we can help. He would be most welcome to speak to the parish.

**10. Communication:** *Journeys* is close to publication. Details of parish contacts were completed at the meeting. Many thanks made to Sally P. for her hard work.

A new supplier has been arranged for the Parish phone and provision of internet.

**11. Finance:** Niels R gave an update on the Finances. The Year is going to plan, although the Mission expenses were in the region of £1800. Because of the overall improvements, money will be available for works detailed above.

**12. AOB:** A request was made for the Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Mass. On Good Friday, Stations for the young People may be available.

**13. Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Our Lady's , Belper.**