

Our Lady and All Saints Parbold
Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group
held in the Church Meeting Room
1900 Monday 7 October 2013

Present:

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	<i>Apologies from Stephen Marston</i>
Vice Chair	Richard Charnock
Clergy	Deacon David Bennett
Altar Servers	<i>Apologies from Stephen Marston</i>
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	Deacon David Bennett
Catechists	Richard Charnock
Children's Liturgy	Ged Tromp
Child Protection	Helen Jones
Coffee Group	Pauline Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	Sue McCluskey
Finance	Anthony Hitchen
Flowers	Angela Roberts
Health, Safety and Grounds	Anthony Hitchen
Music	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
Nugent Care	Mary Beatham
Prayer and Reflection Groups	Janet DeCamp
Primary School	Catherine Bennett
PTFA	No Representative attended
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	Celia Charnock
Social Group	Joan Trevelyan
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
SVP	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
200 Club	<i>Apologies from Stephen Marston</i>
Pastoral Area Forum	Catherine Bennett (<i>co-opted</i>)

1. Welcome from the Chair

Richard Charnock (in Stephen Marston's absence) welcomed all present to the Meeting.

2. Opening Prayer by the Parish Priest

Father Gordon opened the Meeting with a Prayer.

3 Roll Call

Stephen Marston sent apologies

Sue Mellor sent apologies.

4. Minutes from the Meeting held on 20 May 2013

The Minutes were inspected by the Group and found to be an accurate record.

Proposed by Deacon David Bennett, seconded by Anthony Hitchen and agreed by all members present.

5. Matters Arising**a) 5a - Parish Booklet**

The Group agreed to carry the item over to the next meeting, since Stephen Marston was not present.

Stephen Marston

b) 5c7 – Year of Faith

Father Gordon thanked all involved with the Year of Faith, in particular the Holy Hours, the Mystery Plays and the Parish Visiting.

The idea to recommence visiting was discussed, when the new Parish leaflet is ready and in time to distribute the Christmas Mass Times leaflet.

Father Gordon will speak to Peter Madden about the idea.

The drop in Mass attendees was discussed, with various strategies to improve attendance.

A children's Mass was discussed and agreed on 15 of December, the third Sunday of Advent.

Celia Charnock
Sue McCluskey

c) 5 - 5d8i Corpus Christi Procession

The Corpus Christi procession was discussed. Fr Gordon quoting Liverpool and Ampleforth who had stated that the Procession should have taken place. Janet Decamp advised the Group that the praying to the Blessed Sacrament that did take place was enjoyed by those who attended.

d - AOB Harvest Festival

Everyone agreed that the Church looked wonderful for Harvest Festival.

Celia Charnock read out a letter, thanking the Parish for their contributions.

Year 6 children from the School delivered flowers and fruit and vegetables to parishioners, who were very grateful.

6. Pastoral Area Forum

Catherine Bennett informed the PPAG that the PAF has ceased to be.

Fr Gordon and Richard thanked Catherine for all her hard work.

Saint Joseph's Wrightinton – Fr Gordon

Fr Kevin Mulhearn is retiring as Parish Priest of St Joseph's Wrightington.

Fr Gerry from St James's Orrell is to become the Administrator at St Joseph's.

From 20 October Sunday 1800 Mass at St Joseph's is cancelled, but 1800 Mass on Saturday is reintroduced.

0830 and 1045 Masses on Sunday mornings are to be amalgamated to 0930.

Fr Gordon then advised the PPAG that he had to consider his own future with OLAS, since he felt that the administrative running of the Parish had become too much for him especially since so much of his work could be done by laity.

He is considering the option of posts elsewhere.

Fr Gordon will be away on Retreat next week, when he will talk with Father Abbot and have time to reflect on his options.

He is well aware, that if he departs, the Parish will be without an Ampleforth Priest.

The PPAG discussed various ways the Parish could support Fr Gordon.

At 1950 Helen Jones departed the Meeting and Catherine Bennett assumed the role of Secretary.

Richard Charnock, Ged Tromp and Deacon David will meet on Sunday 20 October to discuss with Fr Gordon what administrative help can be given to Fr Gordon through delegation to other members of the Parish.

Fr Gordon apologised for bringing this news to the PPAG.

Richard Charnock thanked him for being so open about his concerns.

Richard Charnock

7. Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 20 January 2014

8. Richard thanked everyone for attending and Father Gordon concluded with a prayer.

Stephen Marston
Chairperson

Helen Jones
Secretary

