

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**19 November 2008**

### **Present**

Fr Will, Gerry, Thelma, Madelon, Ruth, Sarah, Ken, Sandra, Maria, Ian, Fr Oliver, Paul, Pat, Gill

### **1. Opening Prayer**

Prayer was led Fr Will

### **2. Apologies**

Sean, Martine

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were approved.

### **4. Parish Team Report**

#### Sacramental programmes

##### Baptism

These sessions are going well. The new time is 12:30 on the first and third Sunday of the month.

##### Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Two sisters, seven and eight years old, are receiving instructions on Saturday mornings.

##### RCIA.

There are now seven enquiries. Their meeting times vary according to their availability. Four are on Thursday mornings and three on Thursday nights.

#### Mass of healing

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This was well attended. The refreshment was well appreciated.

#### Holy Week

There was no Passover meal as Rabbi James has been transferred to Oxford. Contact will be made with his successor.

#### Covenant with the poor

There was a tremendous response to the Christmas appeal for both Spires and Wandsworth Prison. As from the month of August the Society of St Vincent de Paul, with the support of the parish, has been supplying Spires with breakfast items on a monthly basis.

### **5. Hall Hire / Committee**

A committee has been setup by Katherine and Tom to manage the hall. A cleaner has been employed to keep it in good condition.

Thanks to Tom and Martine for the decoration and the hardwork on the Pudding Night.

## **6. Health and Safety**

Paul and others have met up as a Health and Safety Committee. This committee has met with a H&S company, who could help with this aspect of the church, but has considered the costs to be high.

In order to complete some of the tasks, Sean McMorrow will arrange for the inspections, and the committee will ensure that procedures and documentation are completed.

## **7. Social Events**

Christmas Craft evening on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

## **8. Shop**

The shop has been extended into the adjacent garage to provide more room. There is new stock.

The shop will try opening for Sat Evening mass on the run-up to Christmas.

## **9. Centenary of the church**

Life in the Spirit Course – Nov-Dec 2008

Prayer Card with Mosaic Image for Advent 2008 – this was handed out and will be used through the year

Social Evening Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan to launch Centenary celebrations (Old Hall) – all PPC members should attend this event. It will be a social with drinks, music and a playlet representing what the Centenary is about.

Lenten talks – St Paul Feb 24; Mar 4<sup>th</sup>; 11<sup>th</sup>; 18<sup>th</sup>; 25<sup>th</sup>; and Apr 1<sup>st</sup> (6 weeks)

Mosaic project to be completed May/June

St Anselms 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death – plan trip to Canterbury

Affordable Art Exhibition with local artists (Tom Gately) – planned for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May

Pilgrimage to Rome – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009-02-02

Charity project – this is in support of “The Nest Children’s Home” Nairobi. Further information is being circulated.

Parish Centenary Celebration will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Mass at 6:16pm (Archbishop Kevin has confirmed)

Autumn River Boat trip (late September)

Concluding Centenary Celebrations Christ the King Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2009 – Mass of Thanksgiving

**10. AOB**

The parking bay does not have the sign yet. Once this is erected, the parking issue should be resolved.

**11. Meeting dates for 2009**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Officers for next meeting:

Chair: Paul

Minutes: Madelon

Refreshments: Ruth

Prayer: Sarah