

Parish Council Meeting

20 November 2007

Present: Fr Will, Ian, Sarah, Edmund, Thelma, Sandra, Sean, Gill & Madelon

Apologies: Paul, Ruth, Martine, Fr Gary, Fr John

Prayer was led by Fr Thelma

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Parish Team Report:

Sacramental Programmes:

Baptism: sessions are going well.

RCIA: there are now eight enquiries. Three children attending non-catholic schools are receiving instructions for First Holy Communion. All are journeying towards Easter.

Parish Census: The count took place on the 13th, 20th and 27th of October with an average number of 1055.

Readers workshop: this had a very good response and many volunteers came forward.

Mission appeal: Fr John Ceresoli on behalf of the Savarian Missionaries spoke at all the weekend masses of 29th and 28th of October.

Mass at Heritage nursing home: On Tuesday 6 November Fr Gary said mass while members of the UCM supported with the responses.

Sundays of Advent: Holy Hour 5-6 PM will be led as follows:

1st Sunday: the clergy

2nd Sunday: prayer groups intercessory

3rd Sunday: Beechcroft Road and Friends

4th Sunday: The children

Christmas gifts from the parish: collection for the needy takes place on 18 November.

Gifts for Wandsworth prison and Spires centre to be collected on weekend of 25 November.

One World week: Sunday 25 October in Tooting Methodist Church. St Anselm's was well represented. Prayers of confession were prepared by Thelma while Jean spoke about parish life in Uganda as compared to that in St Anselm's.

Outreach: South London Interfaith group. Sunday 11 November prayers for world peace took place at Kingston Mosque. Thelma represented St Anselm's. She was asked to prepare and read a prayer.

Trinity Hospice: Thelma continues to make weekly visits on Wednesday afternoons.

Vision of our diocese - follow-up

Attendance on the feedback meeting held on 18 November was not high but those attending were given a good overview of where the vision had got to and the extent to which the parish has made a valuable contribution to the vision document of the Diocese. Fr Will talked about how St Anselm's is a very active and engaged parish with lots of good ideas. The vision process highlights how we can better communicate these ideas, both through the PPC who are representatives of the parish and through a better website. Fr Will also proposed the idea of a small management team for monitoring and re-evaluation purposes. The outcomes of the vision process so far are:

- 1) A revamped youth club with a management committee and two Wandsworth youth workers with a further 10 young people trained as peer youth workers.

- 2) Meeting between Fr Will and neighbouring parishes, St Boniface and The Holy Ghost. These meetings will happen on a regular basis.
- 3) Inter-faith meetings – a meeting took place between Fr Will, Sadiq Khan, Fr John (CEC), Margaret Diver and the local Iman to discuss how together they could go forwards.
- 4) Greater use of the web site is in process. Thelma suggested that the photos of the PPC members should be on the web site as well as hung at the back of the church.
- 5) Idea put forward for an open day to communicate the existence of all the different groups working in the parish to those new to St Anselm's.

Mosaic project

Many of the school children have been in and have started on the edges. All the drawings are finished and the whole project is expected to be completed in 08/09. Open sessions for parishioners to help should be advertised in the bulletin.

CRB Checks

Are in progress though there are changes due in September. Peggy and Martine to notify all the group leaders.

Social Events

Archbishop will attend the centenary in 2009. For the 75 Anniversary on 12 July 2008 Fr Will has asked someone in the parish to write a book about his impressions of the parish. There are still people who remember the first priest, Fr Donovan and it would be nice to talk to them.

AOB

From 9 January there is a course on the understanding of Islam being held at St Mary's Church, Balham.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 8PM

Officers: Chair: Paul
 Minutes: Sean
 Prayer: Sarah
 Refreshments: Sandra

Thelma led the closing prayer.