

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6 July 2006

### PRESENT:

Father Michael	Chairperson	Paul Relf	Sacristy
Jeni Burridge	Music Group	Seamus O'Connor	SVP
Sheila Smith	Prayer Group	Clare Chiles	Bereavement
Arthur Jones	Catechist		

The meeting began at 7.03 pm with a prayer.

### APOLOGIES:

Rodolpho Badilla, Michael Burridge, Tim Hannifin, Jackie Murray, Elizabeth Relf.

Father Michael expressed regret at the number of members who were not in attendance and who had not sent in apologies. Perhaps it is time to look at new membership!

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

### MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM EACH COMMITTEE:

#### Worship/Spirituality

Paul commented on how well the new red altar frontal looked. It was suggested we go seasonal and that a green one could also be purchased for Ordinary Time during the winter months and the beginning of the year and possibly one for Advent. The cloths are approximately £500. Paul will look into this.

Paul also suggested taking a wood panel from the front of the organ since the sound is being blocked and the swell-box is not opening properly. Fr. Michael suggested talking to the organ builder first.

There was also good feedback about the corpus of the Risen Christ on the cross.

Booking forms for the Charismatic Renewal meeting to be held at Carmarthen this August were passed to Fr. Michael for display in the Church porch. Posters would soon be arriving. A monthly ecumenical and inter-denominational meeting is held on a Wednesday at Greenfields Chapel to pray for Morryston and its conversion. A prayer meeting is also held on the last Saturday morning of every month at Aenon Chapel. Unfortunately these clash with Catholic Mass times. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was well attended and the Police turned up without any fuss or bother this year. It would be good if we could have more Parish representatives at the Morryston Council of Churches meetings.

The choir practices have finished for the Summer but would still be singing at Mass. Jeni, Kathryn and two others from the Diocese will be attending the National network of Pastoral Musicians at Worth Abbey on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, Bob Hurd from America will be giving a talk on “How music serves the Gospel” at St David’s Conference centre, Swansea. Fr Michael has offered to pay the entrance fee for all parish members who attend.

The following week at Worth Abbey, the Society of St Gregory is holding a meeting on “Reaching out to the lost and forsaken in society”

### Education

Confirmation went very well this year and owing to the small number being confirmed, the Parishioners responded very generously in providing food and drink for the party afterwards in the hall. It was very good to include people from another parish. It was suggested that perhaps in future years Morrison could meet up with another parish, possibly Clydach, to have a bigger group and greater challenge. Fr. Michael thanked Arthur and the other catechists on behalf of the parish. The group this year was small and quiet but they covered a wide variety of subjects and their knowledge had widened. Heather and Helen are happy to continue as catechists next year.

Fr. Michael also thanked the catechists who prepared the four children for First Confession and First Holy Communion. The course is well established now and there was good feedback this year. It was good to have the whole parish supporting the children.

### Social Concerns

The SVP has raised over £2000 for the African project – possibly sponsoring a student for priesthood. Fr. Michael queried whether the SVP could support such a project, and suggested members check to see what the SVP constitutions had to say about supporting different charities. Seamus and Bernard are attending the SVP national conference at Newbridge on Wye and advice would be sought.

The housebound and the Stroke Club visited Weston Super Mare last Tuesday. A bus and a van was hired to take wheelchairs but the van was not necessary as there was room under the bus for the wheelchairs. The £50 hire charge was returned but £22 was spent on diesel. Fr. Michael agreed to reimburse this.

An average of three to four visits are made to the housebound and nursing homes each week. A newcomer has moved into the Parish and help has been provided with carpets, etc.

It was suggested that Fair-trade products might be used for the Tea/coffee gatherings on Sunday morning

### Administration

Fr. Michael thanked Seamus, Mark and Bernard for the upkeep of the Church grounds – an excellent job. Recently Susan Anthony had helped to weed the border in front of Church and plant new bedding plants.

An appeal for volunteers to count the weekly collection had been very successful and a new rota has been drawn up which means that the teams will only have to count every 17 weeks. The new teams will have a demonstration of counting after Masses this Sunday.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

The Eisteddfod is being held at Felindre for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> August. A Welsh Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. It is hoped that the Parish will provide the music and suitable Welsh readers. Hospitality will be offered after the Mass. As yet, it is not known who will preside at the Mass. On the Tuesday, Cytun will lay on teas in the refreshment tent and volunteers are needed to do this in two hour shifts from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm. The link person is Sandra Storch from Pontyberem.

There are several second collections taking place on the next few Sundays. £200 has been given to the Linacre Centre for "Day for Life". £660 has been raised for Sr Mary Howard for this year's mission appeal. A retiring collection will be taken next Sunday for the "Sea Sunday" appeal. The collection on the Holyday of Saint Peter and Saint Paul raised £250 for "Peter's Pence" which directly supports the Pope.

Fr. Michael is taking his annual leave in August. Fr. Sebastian from Gendros will celebrate two Masses on the first Sunday and one of the priests from Llanelli will celebrate the mid morning Mass. Fr Ian Dalglish from North Wales will be supplying the following four Sundays.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following the recent series of ordinations to the diaconate in Cardiff, it was queried as to whether there were any Deacons in the Diocese. Fr. Michael replied that we have two training from this diocese. Tony Lawrence from Haverfordwest and Peter Hounslow from St Peter's Landore. Some time ago the project was launched, but only two individuals came forward from across the Diocese. The programme is three to four years and if the two deacons work well and settle, then hopefully more will follow.

Fr. Michael has finally heard from Pax Travel with details of the pilgrimage "In the footsteps of St Paul and the Churches of the Apocalypse". This will take place in October 2007 at a cost of approximately £1100 which would include a three night cruise. Several people have already expressed interest and a savings bank will be set up.

## **DATNM**

A Thursday, to be decided, in October at 7 pm.

Father Michael thanked all who had attended, and the meeting ended at 8.15 pm with a prayer.