

Church of Holy Name Pastoral Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on May 13th 2015

Present: Fr Pat, John Molyneux, Kate Burton, Anne Waddington, Tom Jenkinson, Josie Liddell

Apologies: Marie Sutherland, Sr. Bernadette Holmes, Ann Philpott, Norah Small, Sarah Antoney, Pat Cadogan

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting on 14th January 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising:

- **Bible Study Group** (Assumption - Lent) Chris Jackson led the group. The sessions started on February 18th but the attendance was poor. This was due to illness and other commitments. Those that attended felt it was good - another series wanted.
- **Appeal for Additional Readers** see attachment
- **Peace Sunday**, Carol Burns from Assumption Church spoke about Pax Christi the International Peace Movement at Masses on the weekend of January 17th/18th
- **Churches Together LS16**-The Christian Unity Service for Christian Unity Week took place at Cookridge Methodist Church. There were no attendees from our parish. Father Pat pointed out that we are in 3 separate groups and that parishioners did attend the Abbey Churches Together and Horsforth CT.

Day of Recollection for OLK Eucharist Ministers/Readers

This took place on Saturday 14th March at Holy Name Church and Hall. The guest speaker was Father Richard Taylor, the Scripture scholar. It was well supported by 70 parishioners.

- **Mass for Young Families (St Mary's, Saturday 21st March)** This was the second such Mass and was very successful. It started with workshops for the children, then Mass was followed by tea and coffee. It was hoped that this event could be held once a term but it was felt that as St Mary's is hosting this years Parish Feast in July the next one will be in the Autumn term.
- **Parish Penitential Service in Lent** - Fr Marc organised this and it was held at St Mary's on March 25th. It went very well.
- **First Reconciliation & Communion** - these were celebrated on March 7th and May 10th respectively and went very well. The Marian procession followed at the 9.00am Mass on May 17th, at which the candidates received their Certificates.
- **Confirmation** - Confirmation will be held at St Mary's on May 15th: Bishop Marcus will officiate.

Main Agenda

1. Update from HN Primary School

John Molyneux reported on the Ofsted inspection that took place in November 2014. As a result of the Ofsted report the school was put in 'special measures'. There have been many positive changes because of this but it has been a difficult and emotional time in the school. It is generally accepted that it will take at least 18 months to make the necessary improvements. Mr Peter Hughes the head at St Mary's Horsforth was appointed as Executive Head in January 2015 and is now based at Holy Name.

Two new senior teachers have been appointed to the Leadership team: Sarah Hurley in Key Stage 1 and Philip Stewardson in Key Stage 2. All teachers are paired with an excellent teacher at another school. Some of these schools have also been in special measures but are now performing well so their experience is helpful. There has been an HMI inspection since Christmas and HMI are returning during May.

The school will become 'Holy Name Catholic Voluntary Academy' in line with the other feeder schools to St Mary's Academy, Menston. School Staff want to keep the Holy Name identity and would appreciate as much support from the people of the parish. This would best be shown by attendance at school Masses and school events held in Holy Name church.

As part of restructuring pupils can access maths homework and reading online. Tom Jenkinson on behalf of the SVP asked about those families with no internet access offering SVP help to remedy this.

The school is at present upgrading its computers and hopefully old equipment will be made available to those in need.

2. Parish Feast

This will take place on the 12th of July at St Mary's Horsforth. To celebrate and give thanks for the two good primary schools we have in our parish the children will be playing a significant part in the celebrations. There has already been a successful preliminary meeting of musicians from the three parishes with some hymns already selected. Further information about the Feast will be disseminated shortly.

3. Group reports

Gospel Class Helpers are down from 12 to 10. As it usually runs with 4 teams of 3 this makes planning awkward. Kate Burton suggested that Confirmation class candidates could be enlisted to help.

There are on average 35 children attending. On Good Friday 40 children were present and many of these chose to venerate the cross on their return to church, which they did very devoutly.

Faith and Light The group meets once a month after 11.15 Mass. The numbers are diminishing and many volunteers are aging. It was decided a couple of years ago that the members would attend the usual Sunday Mass once a month instead of having their own special Liturgy in the afternoon as nowadays people with disability are generally well accepted at 'main-stream' Masses and are happy to be with the wider community. There will be a coffee morning on 14th June to raise funds. There will be a Ceilidh in the first week of July to raise money for the Walsingham pilgrimage in September. Next year it is hoped a group of 6 will also go to Lourdes.

Readers A brief written report was provided which referred to the Lenten Day of Recollection (see above) and to the recruitment of two new Readers.

Adel Ladies Assisted with the Day of Recollection and continue to meet weekly.

Uniformed Groups ~ see separate Report (copies provided in Church porch)

AOB There were no issues raised

Reps for OLK PC Wednesday May 20th, HN Church Hall, 7.30pm. The meeting was postponed until June 17th (at St Mary's) with one agenda item: to check out progress with plans for the Parish Feast.

Date of Next Meeting - Wed September 16th, Holy Name Presbytery, 7 30pm.

Activities of the Holy Name Church Uniformed Organisations (January – May 2015)

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Rainbows

During the spring term our Rainbows completed a Roald Dahl Challenge badge and a Rainbow Roundabout 'The World' badge.

Various evenings were held themed on Roald Dahl books and included activities such as bug-hunting at Rodley Nature Reserve, crafts, making chocolate bath soak, thinking about why each of us was 'Fantastic' and raising funds for the National Deaf Children's Society.

For our 'The World' badge we made edible gardens, bird artwork and carried out explosive, rainbow themed, science experiments. We also learned about, and completed activities relating to the Rainbow Covenant. Written by the 5 major world religions this promise expresses what the faiths jointly believe about nature –that loving one's God includes taking responsibility for everything that shares our planet with us.

We attended a full day 'Rainbow Eggstravaganza', along with approx 400 other Rainbows, held a fancy dress party and two leaders have updated their First Aid training.

Guides

Guides is primarily about meeting new friends from different backgrounds and learning new skills, working towards badges, joining in community activities and fundraising and is not specifically religious.

Since September 2013 an individual guide makes a promise "*to be true to myself and develop my beliefs*" rather than the previous "to love my God" promise which was to make the organisation inclusive to both girls who have a religious faith and those who do not.

- The Guides met 11 times from January to the end of March – including one trip to the Ice Cube in Millennium Square.
- Guides attended Church Parade in February and March. Guides take a turn at providing Readers for the Mass.
- Guides regularly provide tea and coffee after Mass
- We celebrated Shrove Tuesday, made cards and gifts for Mothering Sunday, and remembered our guiding community throughout the world on Thinking Day.
- Several guides helped at the OLK Mass for Young Families on March 21st, organising activities and helping in the kitchen.
- Apart from devoting an evening to St David's day and one to St Patrick's day all the guides were in attendance at Mass on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

Beavers

Activities this term included: Healthy eating, fitness and camp craft.

Scouts and Cubs

General Activities of Scouts and Cubs are detailed on the Parish website
Scouts is a multi-faith or non-faith organisation.

The Scout promise is still:

I promise that I will do my best: To do my duty to God and to the Queen; To help other people; and to keep the Scout Law.

Religious Activities:

- Cubs and Beavers visited Leeds Grand Mosque as part of their World Faith Badge.
- Cubs also attended Mass in Ilkley while on Camp and also visited Calvary near Middleton Lodge.
- Cubs invited the SVP in to do a talk and the Uniformed Organisations are supporting their annual sponsored Walk later this year.
- Beavers raised £200 for CAFOD holding two fair trade coffee/cake events. Learnt about bidding prayers and had a go at writing their own.
- The Cubs, Beavers and Scouts represented Holy Name at the recent St. George's day parade joining together with the District Scouts in a service at St Margaret's church, Horsforth, together with local dignitaries and MPs.
- All meetings try to start and end with a prayer sometimes written by the scouts themselves.
- Scouts take a turn at providing Readers for the Church Parade Mass.
- Scouts hold their own service in the chapel at Hag Dyke on the camp weekend (coming soon again). As part of every camp scouts have to have a "Scouts Own" Service.
- Several scouts helped at the OLK Mass for Young Families on March 21st, organising activities and assisting in the kitchen.
- We now have some Young Leaders helping the Organisations, which gives them the opportunity to be involved with the parish before going the university or college. It also helps their application and is added to their CVs.

All the Holy Name Uniformed Organisations support the annual Church Christmas Fayre.