

**Church of Holy Name Pastoral Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Present:** Fr Pat, Kate Burton, Ann Philpott, Maggie Flatley, Paul Hurst, Anne Waddington, Tom Jenkinson, Norah Small, Sarah Antoney, Josie Liddell

**Apologies:** Sr. Bernadette Holmes

**The meeting was opened with a prayer.**

This was followed by another prayer for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Peter McGuire who died today.

**Minutes** of the last meeting on 16th September 2014 were accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

- **Fr Boniface's Presentation** evenings last November were well received. Each evening was different in character reflecting the individual nature of the 3 churches. In August Fr Boniface will return for the month while Fr Pat is away.
- **Keyboard player at Armley Prison** following a request for help, Paul Hurst has been going when required. He has been 3 times so far and it was interesting to hear about the large multi faith chapel and the procedure for entering the prison.
- **Representative from Holy Name Primary School at Pastoral Committee** There was no representative tonight due to additional work following the recent Ofsted inspection.
- **Links with Cardinal Heenan School** Links had begun to be developed by the new chaplain at the school with pupils taking part in a Sunday Mass last year. However the chaplain has since resigned the post.
- **Bible Study Group: Advent and Lent -Assumption** Chris Jackson led a group after Mass on each Thursday during Advent. The sessions lasted just over an hour and were based on studying the Pauline Epistles. Similar sessions are planned for Lent this year starting on February 18<sup>th</sup> and participants will discuss the Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah and the Messianic Psalms - which feature in the Liturgies of Holy Week.
- **Appeal for Additional Readers** Ann Philpott reported that there are two new younger readers but there are difficulties recruiting new readers. It was agreed that Ann should prepare a notice for insertion in the bulletin before Lent. This will include an undertaking to provide training and support for both new and current Readers. It was hoped that a half-day of training would be arranged in the future.
- **Inaugural Mass for Young Families (St Mary's, Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>)** This was open to families who had babies baptised in the last two years. It was very successful as at least 72 families participated more than double those expected. It started with workshops for the children in which items were made to use or display during the service. Mass was followed by tea and coffee. The feedback was encouraging and **St Mary's** has been booked again for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the 5<sup>th</sup> in Lent. It is hoped that this event could be held once a term.
- **Leeds Guild of Singers Carol Service (St Mary's December 14<sup>th</sup>)** This has been held for many years at St Mary's. This year a special effort was made to include parishioners from around OLK and to include a display of cribs around the church. The positive outcome has meant that the event will be repeated next Christmas.

**Main Agenda:**

**Peace Sunday** Sat/Sun January 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. This is a world wide Catholic event. At 9.00am Mass @ Holy Name there will be a Guest Speaker: Carol Burns from Assumption church will speak about Pax Christi, the International Peace Movement.

**Churches Together LS16**-Christian Unity Services for Christian Unity Week:  
Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at Cookridge Methodist Church 2.30pm.

## Preparation for Sacraments OLK

First Reconciliation & Communion - these courses are underway in St Mary's & Holy Name

Confirmation - the course is underway with 36 candidates. The Mass of Election will be held at St Mary's on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>; Reflection on Retreat at Holy Name Sat/Sun March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>; Rite of Election at

Assumption - Sun March 10<sup>th</sup> 9.45am; Confirmation at St Mary's Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Baptisms in 2014 - 78; Marriages in 2014 - 23 (11 Scheduled to date for 2015; 3 for 2016);

Deaths - 40 in 2014

Gospel Music Night - postponed for practical reasons (see OLK Feast)

Ash Wednesday Masses These will be 9.30 am at St Mary's and Holy Name; 6.30pm at Assumption; 7.30pm at St Mary's and 7.45 pm at Holy Name.

Parish Penitential Service in Lent - will be held at St Mary's: Wed March 25<sup>th</sup>, this is the week before Holy Week. Fr Marc is to organise this and Paul Hurst volunteered to be reserve organist

Holy Week Services - Days and times as in previous years. Fr Marc will conduct the services at St Mary's during Holy Week and Fr Pat will conduct the services at Holy Name.

OLK Feast 2015 - Will be hosted by St Mary's on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> Further details will be forthcoming.

Group Reports -

SVP Thanked the parish for a very positive response to the Christmas appeal. There are 3 prospective new members.

Faith and Light The group had a Christmas lunch and an outing to the City Varieties to see Rock and Roll Dick Whittington.

Adel Ladies Have had a busy year despite not doing the Autumn lunch. A musical evening aided by Eddie Spence with audio-visuals raised £250 for Kidz in Camps. The group started 43 years ago and the remaining members form a close knit group. Despite their dwindling numbers they are always willing to help at parish functions. They have met together with St Mary's Ladies Group since OLK began. It was agreed that the subject of a women's group for those in 'middle years' could be raised at the next (i.e. May) church Pastoral Committees and OLK Parish Council

From OLK PC

Information Booklets in each Church - This matter is being progressed

Masses for Young Families - The first took place in October 2014 and the next is provisionally scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 (see inaugural Mass for young families).

Day of Recollection for OLK Eucharist Ministers/Readers *et al* (speaker/venue/date

This will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Name Church and Hall. The guest speaker will be Father Richard Taylor.

Delegates for OLK PC Assumption Social Centre, Wed Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm

Sarah Anteney, Norah Small, Josie Liddell, Paul Hurst or Anne Winfield

Items for OLK PC Agenda: Subjects from *The Tablet* 'Parish Practice'; 'Leeds Citizens'.

AOB No issues were raised

Date of Next Meeting - Wed May 13<sup>th</sup>

The meeting closed with a prayer.