

St Mary's Leyland
Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 7th April 2010

PRESENT: Fr Jonathan, Lesley Raven, Edward Almond, Alex Anthony, Tim Sullivan, Ann Ward, Liz McGrath, Gaye Beirne, Tony Hart, Sue Mills, Simon Brown, Peter Barron, Walter Courtney, Judy Gammans

APOLOGIES: Sr Veronica, Fr Stephen, Fr Paul, Fr Ambrose

PRAYER: Led by Ann Ward

CHAIRPERSON: Alex Anthony

MINUTES: Accepted as a true record - No matters arising

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Alex welcomed Howard Anthony and Brian Salisbury to the meeting. The report of all Church Activities was provided and discussed. Points Raised:

- The All night Vigil proved to be a very beautiful, extraordinary and successful undertaking
- Following the Chorley and South Ribble Find Out Day it was agreed that use of the Church by community groups is a genuine Christian contribution to people in our area.

EASTER FAMILY DAY: Tim reported that this had been a tremendously successful occasion thoroughly enjoyed by many parishioners. In the region of some 700 people attended the Family Mass. The garden party which followed included an Easter egg hunt, an Easter Bonnet parade as well as races and craft activities. 24 eggs which were left over were delivered to Derian House Childrens Hospice who were absolutely delighted to receive them. Next year's follow up is already on the calendar for April 24th 2011! Fr Jonathan commented that the Mass was a very happy and joyful experience. As there were so many Mass attendees hymn books would have been useful for those with their backs to the screen and also more helpers for the collectors, the Guild of St. Lawrence. It was resolved that these issues need to be considered when planning next years event.

FINANCE REPORT: Brian provided a report on the buildings and finance committee which was discussed. We were informed that a directive from Ampleforth now requires us to report quarterly which Brian is now undertaking. He seems quietly confident that we will manage to make ends meet this year. The campaign to increase Gift Aid has gone very well.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST: The presentation by Howard Anthony of 21st March to all parishioners was very well done indeed. A report was provided and much discussion took place with many ideas being put into the pot. In the light of this it was agreed that the group should meet again to agree a way forward and bring back to the next meeting.

AOB:

- Fr Jonathan has investigated the problem with the loop system which now seems to be working ok although Pete reported a possible broken speaker which will be investigated further.
- It was reported that no-one has been seen on the altar with stiletto heels following the last meetings item on AOB
- Alex is in receipt of a letter asking why we cannot move the 9.30 Mass to 9.15 to avoid congestion at the 11am Mass following the Mass changes made for Easter Sunday. It was agreed that the change on Easter Sunday was primarily to bring the parish together for a celebration of Easter. Alex will respond accordingly.
- KSC Dinner and Dance 14th May – Walter invited all who would like to attend
- Tim asked could a family group be arranged to organize parish family outings etc after Mass on Sundays. He and Cath will look into this

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5th May 2010

CHAIR: Peter Barron

PRAYER: Sr Veronica