

St. Mary's Leyland
Pastoral Council
Wednesday 7 December 2011

Present; Fr Jonathan, Sr Veronica, Christine Lemmon, Lesley Raven, Walter Courtney, Edward Almond, Tony Hart, Tim Sullivan, Sue Mills, Liz McGrath

Welcome; from Tim Sullivan to Frank Mills and Jim Blackledge

Apologies; Alex Anthony, Gaye Beirne, Peter Barron, Anne Ward, Fr Paul, Fr John

Prayer; Tony Hart

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last meeting and Matters arising;

- Christine mentioned that she enjoyed and would welcome the young people and feedback of their activities again in the near future
- Minutes accepted and signed by Tim Sullivan.

Parish Councillors report;

The following events occurred during the month of November;

- Confirmation planning meeting for catechists.
- LSM Catholic Technology College Prize Evening
- Papal Nuncio visit
- Remembrance Services for the deceased and those who had died during that year.
- Remembrance Day Service [Leyland/South Ribble]
- Parish AGM
- Scouts Carol Concert
- Scout's Car Boot sale
- Primary School's Fairs
- Tim Sullivan, Jenny Rowan and Lee Sullivan all passed the MIDAS Mini-bus driving test.

Newman Fund Update;

The list of raffle winners, who had donated emails, was published.

The website is being updated with news.

There is a box in church for Newman Fund donations.

The Christmas draw takes place Thursday 8 December @7.30pm in church.

There will be an article in the parish 'Update' magazine.

There will be a Christmas Card board in the Narthex for parishioners who would like to send one Christmas card to their parishioner friends and donate card money to the Newman Fund.

Next meeting Wed 14 Dec.

Christine will ask if Tony Derry could talk to the KSC, after Christmas, about the Newman Fund.

New heating; Frank Mills, Jim Blackledge

Frank outlined the current impact on the environment of burning fossil fuels for electricity production and heating. The current heating system [AHU plant] in church uses gas and is very expensive to run.

By using a renewable energy source ie solar power the plan will be to install 7 voltaic [solar] panels on the back of the Priory House roof which would produce electricity for at least 25yrs and would enable the church to produce electricity free and receive money back from the government. As energy prices are increasing it will be well worth it; however this needs to be completed before 10 Dec to have the benefit of the current tariff. Plans will also include having a new heat pump, run by electricity, that will be used to

heat up the church and eventually to be extended to the Priory to heat up rooms. Lake water could also be pumped up to the heater and used to heat the church and house. The new heat pump will be such that the air can be recirculated and hence keep the church warmer. The heating system should be up and running by next winter.

Fr Jonathan mentioned that Frank may need to speak at Ampleforth at some point in the future.

Confirmations; Fr Jonathan

Leaflets/flyers with forms on the Confirmation programme are to be included into the Christmas 'Update'.

Dates are Mon 21 – Wed 30 May with 2 more dates to be added to accommodate SATS.

200 have replied so far. 10/10 theatre group to perform to primary and high school groups, plus activities, all in the light of the gospel. Primary children will be in church with their own parent catechists, older pupils in the high school.

The welcome mass will be a huge programme. Invites out for parishioners to intercessors.

Preston Guild; Fr Jonathan

22 Jan 2012 there will be a concert in the Guildhall. Good Friday, after the walk, will be a Pageant broadcast by the BBC. Churches Together in Leyland will be involved.

3 September 2012 is the Christian part of the celebrations and Sunday will have a ecumenical service possibly with the Archbishop of Canterbury and a celebrity singer, Aled Jones?

AGM Feedback; Sr Veronica , Lesley Raven

It went well with more attendees than last year and a fine supper afterwards. We were unable to leave the display out due to the visit of the Papal Nuncio. 90% of those attending the AGM were actually doing something. There followed a discussion about the format of the AGM. Could it be done on a Sunday morning when we would have a captive audience? Walter was concerned as to whether or not we should be discussing more business ie about the parish matters, at the AGM. Fr Jonathan explained that this could be done via the PPC. Walter preferred AGMs like we used to have with questions and answers and plans for the future, as we received better feedback from parishioners. Fr Jonathan felt that fewer numbers would turn up than currently.

AOB;

- Tony - The Universe newspaper had an article about reaching out to non-church-goers. Tony asked where are we in relation to this at the moment. KIT programme has been done by Bishop Ambrose, there is the confirmation programme to deepen faith, times of services are in Update, Baptism names and family addresses are kept. [To be included as an Item for discussion at next PPC meeting]
- Edward – read out a thank you letter from a Carmelite nun in Skelmersdale saying that Leyland was 'alive and vibrant parish to interest and hold the young'. She referred to Bishop Ambrose, Father Jonathan's beautiful and moving article in Update and was sad that Frank Harrison's articles have ended.
- Edward – invited the PPC to his talk on the Ancient Olympic Games, for Leyland Historical Society, on Mon 9 January 2012 at the Civic Centre.
- Walter – Cribs are going up this week, including the one outside. Possibly putting heating bar in it to avoid the window misting up. Small crib for the children to gather round to go on the altar.

Date and Time of next meeting; Wednesday 4 January 2012

Chair; Edward Almond