

**St Mary's Leyland
Parish Council**

Thursday 13th November 2012

PRESENT: Fr Jonathan, Fr Paul, Lesley Raven, Christine Lemmon, Walter Courtney, Edward Almond, Tim Sullivan, Sue Mills, Ann Ward, Gaye Beirne, Judy Gammans. Visitors: Steve Mills and John Baggaley

APOLOGIES: Fr John, Fr Stephen, Liz McGrath, Alex Anthony, Peter Barron, Sr Veronica

PRAYER: Led by Sue

MINUTES: Accepted as a true record of our last meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

*The Planned Giving Presentation was very successful

*The 50 year celebration went very well and Ann's son AJ kept the proceedings flowing brilliantly.

*Gaye reported that her Brother in Law was unable to let us have any left over tarmac as he is now under instructions that this must be recycled. We hope to do this with bags of tarmac from Berry's

PARISH EVENTS SINCE THE LAST PASTORAL COUNCIL:

- Remembrance Sunday
- 2nd session of the Sacramental Programme
- The Photo service for the bereaved
- High School Prize Giving
- Harvest Festival
- 150th Celebration of Our Lady of the Missions
- Mass for the deceased brothers of the Knights of St Columba at Liverpool Cathedral

AGM: This is to take place on November 16th in the Priory House. Wine and Cheese will be served. Anyone wishing to help set up should arrive for about 7.45 in preparation for an 8pm start.

The Agenda will include a welcome, a short introduction, a Financial Report presented by Brian, an update on Planned Giving and the 500 Club, A report on the solar panels and Steve will try and come along to answer any questions about the proposed Carbon heating plan.

An update will also be given on the 50th Anniversary, the work undertaken outside the church, The Presidential Chair and Fr Theodore's return to the parish.

CARBON HEATING REPORT:

Steve presented a report on the proposed carbon heating installation and the way it would work taking heat from the water in the lake to generate cost effective heat in the church.

A business case for funding is underway and grants of around 72k are potentially available, provided money is raised by donations to cover some of the cost. The Trustees must also yet accept this proposal. Good progress is being made and if all goes to plan our church will be able to be put to much more use within the wider community.

Fr Jonathan thanked Steve for coming and for all the work that he and his father Frank are doing to get this plan to fruition.

PLANNED GIVING:

A Gift Aid update report was provided and presented by John Baggaley. The presentation by Derek Pearce was very successful. To date 34 requests for new boxes has been received plus 17 standing order requests.

There is also the case that standing orders already in place may have been increased without us being notified. This could potentially provide us with an extra £200 per month, the total annually being £4,400 plus £1,100 gift aid which we would also be able to claim.

This was hailed as a very pleasing response to David's talks. Fr Jonathan thanked John Baggaley for all his help.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING:

Vigil Mass to be at 6pm Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass to be at 10pm preceded by a Carol Service at 9.15.
Christmas Morning Masses will be at 8am and 10am.

Vespers will also be sung by the Monks on Christmas day

The Schools and the Scouts also have Carol Services planned.
The Charity in lieu of Christmas cards within our parish was agreed to be the Newman Fund

Decorations again planned as last year looking out to the community with the star lit up outside (Tim Sullivan will speak to Martin Smith about modifying this to look better during the day).

The Knights have again agreed to erect the crib outside. There will also be a further two or possibly three cribs in church, by the Altar and in the Narthex. Margaret Hollinhurst will be asked to do the flowers and Lesley will co-ordinate the decorative works with Margaret.

AOB:

*Fr Jonathan has received a letter from Mr Francis Adeyinka Thomas of the African Beads Foundation International who want to use our church in partnership with us, for a multi cultural Carol Concert in

December. A meeting will be held between him and some members of the PPC on Tuesday 20th November at 10am.

*Tim and Ann were asked on Sunday by a third party if a guide dog accompanying a parishioner could be blessed. Fr Jonathan said this would be perfectly acceptable. Tim and Ann will approach the parishioner concerned to see if she would like this.

*Fr Jonathan informed us that the Archdiocesan Assembly will be taking place on Saturday 24th November at L.A.C.E. in Liverpool. It would be good if some of our younger parishioners were able to attend. Some Invitations have been passed to members of our choirs. Anyone wishing to attend must fill in the form on the invitation, available from Fr Jonathan. These will be offered on a first come first served basis.

*Fr Jonathan also reported that our church has been chosen to host the Bishops' Conference initiative "Crossing the Threshold" for Liverpool Salford and Lancaster dioceses on the 2nd February 2013. Handouts are available with further information. This is a great honour for our Parish.

DATE OF NEXT PPC MEETING - Wednesday 9th January 2013

CHAIRPERSON – Tim Sullivan