

**St Mary's Leyland
Parish Council**

Wednesday 6th March 2013

PRESENT: Fr Jonathan, Lesley Raven, Christine Lemmon, Edward Almond, Ann Ward, Gaye Beirne, Fr John, Tim Sullivan, Sue Mills, Peter Barron, Jeremy Watson, Judy Gammans.

APOLOGIES: Fr Stephen, Fr Paul, Walter Courtney, Sr Veronica, Liz McGrath, Alex Anthony

PRAYER: Led by Gaye

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

PARISH EVENTS:

- Confirmation Preparation for High School Pupils underway
- Re-Election of the Abbott at Ampleforth
- New Chaplain, Anthony Cave, for the High School
- Giving Back for Lent: Car Park clean up undertaken
- 5th Session of the Sacramental Programme taken place
- HCPT Cake Stall held after 9.30 Mass
- Speaker from CAFOD gave talk at Mass
- Holy Hours for the Year of Faith being held

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD:

Three Dioceses met on February 2nd as was mentioned at the last PPC meeting. Since that a further meeting has taken place last Wednesday with about 15 people present. Fr Jonathan used a flipchart to record the ideas. From that he produced a report of general responses and a question and answer exercise which was undertaken by the members of the PPC. Fr Jonathan took these away to be collated for discussion at the next meeting.

The ideas and general responses were then discussed in more detail and further ideas were shared with regard to Meeting the Needs of Families with Young Children and Meeting the Local Community Needs.

REVERENCE OF ALL AT HOLY COMMUNION:

Fr Stephen shared his experiences from his previous parish of: 1) the act of reverence before Holy Communion, and 2) The very important moment which is the union with Jesus – the most intimate part of the Mass.

We all agreed that some form of reverence was extremely appropriate, in earlier times everyone knelt at the altar to receive Holy Communion but nowadays we mostly stand, so to bow our heads or genuflect at the moment of Communion would be highly appropriate. It was agreed that this should be discussed from the pulpit initially and suggested also that children preparing for Holy Communion are taught it from the outset.

COMMENTS ON HOLY WEEK:

Fr Jonathan reported that we will be following the same pattern as last year. A PPC member said our Easter services are always beautifully done at St Mary's and are very special.

Jeremy Watson mentioned that the annual "Walk of Witness" is a good way to proclaim God outside of our parish. More people from other churches attend than from ours but we have the Stations of the Cross and the 3 o' Clock service which are extremely well attended. More from our parish might be encouraged to attend.

AOB:

*Next Golden Jubilee meeting had been planned for 4th April but as this is in the middle of the Easter holiday the date has been changed to 11th April.

*Knights of St Columba Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday 18th May at the Civic Centre in Leyland. Tickets are £20 per person

DATE OF NEXT PPC MEETING - Wednesday 10th April 2013

CHAIRPERSON – Tim Sullivan