

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Reference **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Held at **St Gerard's room above the Sacristy**

On **11 January 2009**



Persons attending	Paula Donaghy Paul Linden (e) Olivia Marley (e) Patricia McBride (e) John McCann (e) Pat McCausland (e)	Ita McVeigh (e) Rose Mary Murray Laura Teer (e) Mildred Weiniger
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Apologies	Damien Fox (e)	Laureen Mc Fall (e)
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<p>1.0 Prayer Fr Brendan, Millie & Patricia and Paula said the prayer.</p> <p>Fr Pat, Paul & Gerry to say the prayer at the next meeting.</p> <p>2.0 Minutes of previous meeting A notice was to have been put in the bulleting seeking volunteers for the Church Maintenance Group. This did not happen during the previous month. The notice will be put in the bulletin this month and potentially parishioners may be requested to help.</p> <p>PPC photos : Michael hasn't been available so Paul wasn't able to get the photo. Paul should be able to get it before the next meeting.</p> <p>The Youth Ministry Group are meeting on Tuesday and should be able to report back for the next meeting.</p> <p>3.0 Drugs and Alcohol Booklet Paul advised that there is a 3 year pilot programme underway in a number of parishes in the Republic of Ireland. It is currently in its 3rd year and the intention of the pilots is to create a guidance document for parishes for dealing with this problem. Paul advised that in his role as a chemist he is also involved with drug awareness and abuse programmes. The following comments were noted :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is primarily parents that require guidance (rather than children) as there is considerable drug awareness education in schools. • There is potential for a drug / alcohol problem in St Clements with young people congregating. • Addiction to prescription drugs is also a major problem. • Consider putting appropriate notices in the porch and linking with a message during mass to raise awareness in the first instance. • It may be possible to have a short talk at the end of a mass from an appropriate organisation. • May be possible to link with a local school for an awareness session. 	<p>Fr Pat, Paul and Gerry</p> <p>Fr Gerry</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Gerry</p>
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- Some voluntary organisations are very pro active on this subject.

Paul will keep this under review and report occasionally on the progress of the pilot projects.

Paul

The PPC members are to undertake some research before the next meeting to see what might be an appropriate action from the PPC.

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4.0 Parish Groups

4.1 Ita to give an update on the **3rd World Group** at the next meeting.

Ita

4.2 Paula is finalising the list of parish groups for the next meeting.

Paula

5.0 Any Other Business

5.1 Fr John & Fr Brian

An evening to thank Fr John & Fr Brian is to be arranged for February or March 2009 possibly in Fortwilliam GC or the Parish Hall. 27 March is not appropriate.

The 3rd World Group are having a Quiz Night on 27 February in Fortwilliam GC. The two evenings could be linked.

An envelope could be placed at the back of the hall to collect for a present.

Fr John

5.2 There was good positive feed back on the **calendars**.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday 8 February 2009 at 8.15 in the room above the sacristy.