

## **Minutes of the Pastoral Support Group Meeting**

**Held in St.Joseph's 17/03/2015**

### **Present:**

Fr.David, Norman Carew(NC Chair), Michael Bond (MB), Pat Duprey (PD), Maureen Fearon (MF), Sue Horncastle (SAH), Tom Neal (TN), Christine Parker (CP), Denis Torpey (DT).

The Meeting opened with a prayer led by CP.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes were read and agreed.

### **Matters arising.**

John Odell has decided to step down from the Group. We would like to record our thanks to him for his support and contribution.

The Altar banners for St. Joseph's have arrived.

### **Lancaster Outing.**

The bookings are going well.(PD). No guided tours booked but there is a separate slip for Castle visits which cost £8.50.

### **Holy Week and Easter.**

Holy Week and Easter services covered. There was discussion about a get together at the back of Church (St.Albans) after the Vigil Mass. Wine, cheese, crackers etc., Reconciliation Service at St.Joseph's on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. March at 7.00pm.

### **Cambodia Link**

Re-launch of Gift Aid appeal with a leaflet to be given out explaining the process.

Over £22,000 has already been raised and sent to Cambodia.

There will be Speakers at each of the Masses this weekend( 21/22 March), recounting their experiences from the trip to Cambodia with Fr. David. (Denis Knowles, Pat Higgins and Clara Donnelly).

The display has been re done. A Cambodia evening is being held in St.Alban's Parish Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.March.

We are gradually building up the profile of the Cambodia Link.

### **Website.**

There is now an interactive link to the newsletter already used by 5 Baptism enquiries and one person asking about the Lancaster Trip. MB explained that the long term project is to have interactive tours of both churches and maybe a possible addition of a donation option for people who have watched the Cambodian items.

### **St.Albans's Parish Centre.**

The oven has been replaced and fitted. The cost was £1200 which includes parts insurance etc., Father David has had contact with Mr. R.Davies and got the impression that the Diocese would like us to opt out, thus making us responsible for the total upkeep of the building.

1.One problem would be the management of the Centre.

- 2.Should we just use it as a Parish facility.
- 3.We would not be able to maintain a licence.
- 4.Could we promote the 200 club further to raise money. (PD)
- 5.Conduct an analysis of Centre usage over the last 12 months to see viability of keeping it open.(TN)
6. Various groups using it but not all are giving any money.
7. Explore ways to cover the cleaning of the building. (Fr.D)

Father David explained that the focus of the Commercial Company has changed and it is now not making any money.Indeed the parish has had no money for two years.

There are decisions that need to be made and it was suggested to open up the meeting to a wider and larger group.

Therefore the next meeting will be an **Open Meeting on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at St.Alban's Centre** when the above item will be discussed.

**The next meeting of the Pastoral Support Group will be Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>.at St.Joseph's**

**Officers:**

Reflection – MB

Chair – NC

Minutes –DT.