

**Minutes of Pastoral Support Group Meeting  
Held in St Albans 18/02/2015**

**Present:**

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

The Meeting opened with a prayer led by MF.

Apologies for absence: John Odell and Tom Neal.

Fr David welcomed Dennis Torpey to the group.

The minutes were read and agreed.

**Matters arising:**

**Priests' Concert:**

The Priests' concert is on 29/10/2015 in the Philharmonic Hall.

**Website:**

MB informed everyone that there is now a link to Universalis on website. This provides the daily Office as well as the readings of the day.

NC brought a list of all the priests who had served in St Joseph's parish. MB has compiled a list from old St Albans website – these will go onto the website.

A question was asked about progress on the interactive aspects of the website – MB replied that two additions have been made - namely to confirmation and baptism forms.

No progress on virtual tour to date - photos need to be taken.

**Trip to Cambodia:**

Talk about Cambodia - some photos are on the website but it is believed that over 600 photos were taken. It was suggested that perhaps this could take place on evening during Lent with Rice Soup. The talk will take place on 27/3/2015 at 7.30 pm for 30 mins. Everyone who went on the trip is to be given option to submit photos. Clara and Charles Donnelly have written a script to go with the photos. Some of the group will also be asked to speak to the congregation during mass about their trip.

**Other trips:**

Following the success of the trip to Lichfield a trip to Lancaster is being organised for 27/5/2015 pick-up 9.15am St Albans, 9.30am St Joseph's. Arrive in Lancaster 11.30 mass at 12.15pm.

**Lenten Liturgy:**

Holy Thursday- St Albans, Penitential Service - LPA,

Good Friday- St Joseph's  
Easter Vigil - St Albans

**St Albans' Parish Centre:**

Few years ago new person in charge, but they wanted to shift from 21sts etc, to Funerals, First Communions etc. Problem is St Albans only available on Friday evenings onwards

The Company responsible are now demanding contributions of £350 per quarter. The Cooker was condemned last week and must be replaced at the parish's expense.

A discussion took place amongst the group as to whether we should consider breaking with the commercial company. It would mean that the club would no longer be able to sell alcohol. SAH suggested that a temporary licence could be obtained for the selling of alcohol for particular occasions, however the person named on the license would have to be present..

Fr David suggested that there would be a need for a parish group to manage the premises.

During the discussion the following points were mentioned – what are the costs? And who would be responsible for the opening and closing of the club for the events. It was agreed that Fr David is to meet with Ricky Davies together with some of PPSG.

**May event for Housebound:**

This will take the form of a May Procession and afternoon tea on 24th May - Pentecost at 3pm

**Other business:**

New banners are needed for the sanctuary - for St Joseph's. This was agreed.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's.

Officers for the next meeting:

Norman Carew - chair

Dennis Torpey -minutes

Christine Parker - prayer