

Parish Pastoral Support Group Meeting 28/01/2015

Present: Fr David, Norman Carew, Michael Bond, Pat Duprey, Maureen Fearon, Sue Horncastle

Apologies:

Christine Parker, Tom Neal, John Odell

Pat Duprey opened with a prayer

Matters Arising:

New PA system - now up and running. This was funded through 3 donations - Wirral Schools' Band, and two donations of £1000 from 200 club and from a parishioner.

Refreshments after 6pm mass on Saturdays: Group of 5 people do teas and coffees after 6pm mass on 1st Saturday of the month.

Lichfield - great success. There was a suggestion that Lancaster might be next trip – in the Spring, in May time maybe during half term but during the week.

Visit to Cambodia:

Thanks to different people for updating the website blog, especially Charles Donnelly. Feedback very positive for Cambodia blog - Christine has printed off photos for those who don't have internet access- but Mike Bond advised the group that the visit generated over 9000 hits from as far afield as Canada, Czech Republic, Spain, USA, Cambodia, Malaysia, and others.

Trip to Cambodia may become a regular feature of Parish Life, next time may go during Feb half term so that others may go.

Parish visit was a great success, good time of year to go, parishioners saw all of the activities opportunity to see all of the activities

Costs were quite reasonable - cheaper than Lourdes
Most expensive part of the trip were flights @ £650

Questions were asked of Fr David:

Would it be possible to have a planned programme out there? - *Could only do it where they speak English.*

It was agreed that as a result of the trip it would be a good idea to re-launch links with Cambodia.

Fr David was asked whether people who went on the trip would speak to parishioners about their visit. It was suggested that an event in parish centre to show all the photos could be launched for Lent.

Update on the new Website:

It was suggested that each Parish group should take responsibility for updating the website regarding their groups. It was suggested expanding the website so that it becomes more interactive. This would be a two way process introducing a registration, which would be well secured, and comply with data protection - this service would be free. Different groups could then be targeted e.g. Entry on baptism group would register when they applied for baptism, then parishioners can keep in touch.

Photographs of Pastoral Support Group need to go onto the website – it was agreed that photos would be taken prior to the next meeting.

It was also suggested that a virtual tour of the churches could form part of the website but the group were advised that there would be an additional cost involved for the software.

Other items discussed:

Proclaim15 - there's going to be a gathering in Birmingham

The next Cafe Joey will be on 14/02/2015 and all donations would be given to Cambodia. Please note that this date clashes with a mass at St Columba's

The 3 Priests (singers) are on the Philharmonic in September - parish visit?

Officers for the next meeting:

Chair: Michael Bond

Secretary: Sue Horncastle

Reflection: Maureen Fearon

The next meeting will take place on 18th February at 7.30 pm in St Albans