

Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2012

Present: Father David, John Cooke, Tricia Davies, Owen Dias, Anne Marie Goddard, Elizabeth Hitchens, Christine Martin, Anne Morgan-Jones, Maria Wykes, Paul Blake (Clerk).
Ian and Teresa MacCallum, representatives from the Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Mary's Parish, Chippenham, were also present.
Jessica Pillow was present for part of the meeting.

Apologies: Clive Alabaster, Cari Depla, Jane Murphy, Teresa Quinn.

The meeting opened with a prayer and a welcome to the representatives from Saint Mary's Parish, Chippenham.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2012 were agreed as a true record. Apart from items already on the agenda there were no other matters arising from these minutes.

Diamond Jubilee

Celebrations to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's reign would take place on Sunday 3rd June 2012 with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a parish and school social event at the school. Hymns for the Mass would be available on a leaflet. Jessica Pillow was organising volunteer helpers and members of the Parish Pastoral Council were urged to encourage volunteer helpers to come forward. Teresa Quinn was organising the unlocking and locking of the school.

First Communions

First Communions will be celebrated on Sunday 10th June 2012.

Father David reported that Teresa Quinn had drawn attention to the fact that several non-Catholic parents were now regularly bringing their children to Mass on Sundays. Father David added that one parent had expressed a definite interest in knowing more about the Catholic faith. It was suggested that some initial sessions for interested non-Catholic adults should be held on those Sundays when children's liturgy takes place, led by parishioners, in the presbytery during the Liturgy of the Word. Father David will announce this at Masses and put a note in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

Confirmations

Confirmations take place on Wednesday 27th June 2012 with the Mass at 7.00.p.m. The booklet is due to be sent to the Bishop on Monday week. Christine Martin will discuss readings and music with the candidates and forward proposals to Jane Murphy. Father David indicated that the Bishop prefers the readings of the day to be used if they are suitable. Christine Martin will invite members of the Franciscan community from Cold Ash Berkshire who ran the programme of preparation to attend. As a deacon will be present Father David will probably not concelebrate. A bench will be made available for family members of each candidate. The number of candidates indicates that the church will be full but extra chairs will not be set out in the church, but a few will be made available in the porch.

The reception afterwards will be at the school and Teresa Quinn is willing to co-ordinate this.

Membership and commissioning of members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The present Parish Pastoral Council comprises twelve members, the Parish Priest and the Clerk. Although three members of the Council indicated willingness to stand down if required, Father David suggested that all present members should, if willing, be re-commissioned on Pentecost Sunday. If new members of the Council came forward then some existing members might wish to stand down. Names of potential new members of the Council, particularly from younger adult parishioners, should be suggested to Father David.

Other business.

Representatives from St. Mary's Chippenham gave details of an additional marriage preparation course which emphasises the sacramental nature of marriage to be set up in Chippenham. It was hoped that this Sunday afternoon session would be offered two or three times each year. When future dates were known details would be included in the newsletter.

The Parish Pastoral Council at Saint Mary's Chippenham next meets on 21st May 2012.

Saint Mary's Chippenham had just held a successful, well attended Holy Spirit renewal day.

Maria Wykes informed the meeting that organised youth activities had been put on hold due to Confirmation preparation.

It was agreed that the parish would support the diocesan 'Family Day' at Saint Brendan's College on 30th June 2012. A coach will be booked for parishioners who wished to attend.

A coach will also be booked for the Glastonbury pilgrimage on 8th July 2012.

In answer to a question Father David indicated that the project to install the stained glass windows should be completed within the current year.

Father David had secured a DVD 'From Jesus to Christ – The First Christians' which would be useful for any future adult formation course.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Sunday 9th September 2012 at 11.30.a.m.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 12.10.p.m.