

**ST GREGORY BARBARIGO
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Thursday 27 November 2008
Minutes**

No.	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Opening prayer: Father Mackle opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00pm.</p>	
2.	<p>Present: Fr Mackle, Teresa McCaffery, Inday Bryceland, Jim Dean, Frank Rodden, Nancy Bennett, Maureen Jenkins, Margaret McCallion, Peter Chaloner (Note-Taker)</p> <p>Apologies: Jack McGarvie, Mary Dunnett, Margaret Savage, Anne Stewart, John Thomson, Selina Tyrell</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting: The Minutes of 25 September 2008 were approved.</p> <p>The 19 June 2008 Minutes are to be produced on 5 February 2009, as they have not yet been laid before the PPC.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Salamanca: One week is booked, 5-12 July 2010. A side-visit to Fatima is a possibility.</p> <p>Youth Group: 18 adults expressed interest, of which 10 attended the preliminary meeting to discuss establishing a Youth Group. Prayer is to be part of every Group meeting. The Group will meet on Sundays, from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. The aim is to begin at the end of January 2009. Primary and secondary youngsters are welcome. At 7pm on 9th December a second Planning Meeting will be held.</p> <p>After World Youth Day: On 6 December, a fundraising concert will be held at Our Lady of Consolation.</p> <p>For the 2011 WYD, the Parish has 5 young people lined up, but could have 20.</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>PARISH NEEDS:</p> <p>Pastoral: Fridge magnets are to be distributed one per family. On 21 December, magnets will be distributed with the Parish Bulletin.</p> <p>Frank Kelly is no longer available to conduct home visits with the Eucharist. Fr. Mackle has written to Frank Kelly thanking him for his years of dedicated service. The PPC recorded their thanks. Jim Dean, Frank Rodden and Peter Chaloner will take one home visit each, from Frank Kelly's visiting list. Teresa and Mary will continue their visits to Wyndford Locks Home. There is likely to be more demand for home visits, once St Charles closes.</p> <p>The Crib will stay in place until Candlemas, which occurs on 2 February 2009.</p> <p>Liturgical: Parents need to instruct their children how to behave in church. The need for this was demonstrated at the recent Confirmation Mass.</p> <p>Regarding the new sound system: experts are quoting prices. This is the first replacement of the system for 40 years. Fr Mackle has negotiated a 7% discount on the £5,000 price originally quoted. Regarding use of the sound system by the Diaconate: Jim Dean is expected to begin delivering the Gospel from the end of June 2009.</p> <p>Regarding the Saturday evening Mass: Fr Mackle has sent out a new rota incorporating four new readers.</p> <p>Catechetical: Regarding the Parish Retreat: Pentecost 2009 occurs on 31 May, and the Retreat should take place on a preceding Saturday in May. Peter Chaloner will request Fr. Stephen de Kerdrel to name his preferred Saturday, so that the Retreat Date can be announced at the 5 February meeting of the PPC. The Retreat will run from the 9:30am Mass until 4:30pm; there will be a one-hour lunch break.</p> <p>Regarding Margaret Savage's series of 6 Monday Evening meetings on St. Paul: thanks were extended.</p> <p>Social: Regarding the need for a new Hall Keeper: thanks were extended to Mary Bain, who performed ably for many years. The task is onerous and there is a considerable 'hassle factor' in dealing with persons wishing to use the Hall. It is not possible to pay the new Hall Keeper. A suitable candidate will be sought.</p> <p>Regarding the Christmas Fayre: additional helpers are needed.</p>	
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<p>6</p>	<p>Ecumenism: The 6 October 2008 meeting was well attended by representatives from each parish. The meeting was for Catholics only. Teresa reported on info about Ecumenical events in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie. (Reference had been made to the book 'The Death of Christian Britain' in which Dr. Calum Brown alleges that Protestantism effectively died in 1963.) Fr Mackle sees Ecumenism as accompanying the Parish's project of Evangelisation, which should always leads to Eucharist. As regards the Blessed Virgin, supposedly an unpopular topic with Protestants: for some people, conversion to Catholicism through R.C. I. A. has been because of their attraction to people's devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Archbishop Conti favours Ecumenism.</p> <p>The Bible Bus will be here on 2-6 February 2009 and will aim at interesting pupils from P5 up to S1. The Catholic Bible will be used.</p> <p>Regarding the Bible Road Show: it will be presented in the Hall in this Parish on 28 March 2009.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Permanent Diaconate Archbishop Conti has prepared an 8-page letter on the Diaconate, which will be distributed in summary form on 13 December 2008. Each Parish will shortly benefit from the Diaconate. Feb 22, 2009 is the Candidacy Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral. Over 21-26 May 2009 a Jesuit Father will conduct a 5-day Retreat for all candidates for the Diaconate, at Newmains near Airdrie. <i>Deo Volenti</i> ten Deacons will be ordained on 28 June 2009, including Jim Dean.</p> <p>Maureen and Teresa will chair a subcommittee and will co-opt PPC members to assist in organising the celebration of Jim's ordination. Jim wants members of the now-closed Parish of the Assumption to be informed, and to celebrate his ordination with the parishioners of St. Gregory's.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Membership: During February 2009, the 3-year terms of 3 PPC members will expire. These are: Jim Dean, Frank Rodden and Mary Dunnett. The closure of St Charles will require that some of their people become members of this PPC. Fr Mackle suggested that the 3-year limit shall be ignored meantime, until it emerges who, from St Charles, wishes to join this PPC. This suggestion was accepted.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p>Publicity: Regarding the Parish Webpage: the technical adviser Raymond is currently moving premises and is unavailable to perform updating work. It is hoped that the Webpage will be updated during February 2009.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Year of Saint Paul: During or after February, 2009 an Evening of prayer and reflection will be arranged for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.</p> <p>A Meeting for Parishioners in the 16-30 age group will occur on 9 December 2008.</p> <p>A leaflet on St Paul will be distributed with the Bulletin: its title is 'St. Paul the Pilgrim Missionary.'</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Kelvin Walkway: The saga continues. Councillor Dingwall has attended a meeting with Fr Mackle. A £3,000 Grant for additional lighting represented to be 'for aesthetic purposes' is being pursued. Fr Mackle awaits the arrival of the necessary two quotations from tradesmen who are able to install the lights. A new lamp-post on the road line will be required. Gerry Ferry recently found the knife believed to have been used in the latest stabbing incident that occurred on the Walkway.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Closure of St Charles Church (Not School): The Diocese will become the Landlord for the House, where the nuns live. The Archbishop is to meet with the Superior of the Dominicans. It will be after Easter, by the time the boundary issue is settled. The mid-February Council of Priests will address the issue. This Parish favours Queen Margaret Drive as the new boundary, whereas St Columba's Parish favours Belmont Street.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Fundraising: The draw for the raffle will occur on 11 January 2009. Fr Mackle disclosed the whereabouts of the prizes, since he will not be present when they are distributed. Jack McGarvie is the raffle Promoter. 3 or 4 people have promised to help Jack sell tickets outside Tesco. Teresa will liaise with Jack.</p> <p>Regarding the Cycle Run: Jim Dean will pick a 2009 date.</p> <p>Regarding Margaret Savage's idea of a Soup 'n' Roll Fundraiser: discussion will be held at the PPC's February Meeting.</p>	

	<p>The same goes for Anne Stewart's idea for a Parish Ceilidh. Dancing lessons through Theresa Jennow are to be held in the Hall in new year, in anticipation of that event.</p> <p>Regarding the Hall Kitchen: a final collection will be taken up on 21 December.</p> <p>Regarding the Saturday Market: on some days, £400 is raised. £3,000 may be raised over 3 months.</p> <p>Regarding the dedicated Second Collection: once this has stopped being dedicated to the Hall Kitchen, it will be dedicated to the new sound system.</p>	
14	<p>Any Other Business: Jim Dean will represent the Deanery at the 30-31 January 2009 National Child and Adult Protection Conference.</p> <p>Tickets are available for the 24 January Diocesan Congress on St Paul.</p> <p>Regarding the 13 December St Nicholas Caring Sunday: it was noted that people will have only 11 days to fill up the boxes to be distributed on the basis of one per family. It was hoped that this would be long enough; it did not give people the whole of Advent to work on filling the boxes.</p> <p>Regarding the Parish Diary: it cost 78p but will sell at 75p to maximise sales.</p> <p>Regarding Fr Mackle's absence on sick leave, expected to last until mid-January, 2009: parishioners will be encouraged to go to St Columba's or Immaculate Conception or St Aloysius on 9 December, the only day on which Mass will not be celebrated in this Parish.</p>	
15	Date of Next Meeting: 5 February, 2009 at 7pm	
16	Closing Prayer: Fr Mackle led the Closing Prayer at 9:21pm	