

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 17th April 2012

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	John Ballard	Tom Regan
Ann Bassett	George Phillips	Margaret Eustice
Kathy Pope	Sarah Down	Jackie Foster

Fr. Peter opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Mary Phillips and Linda Nolan.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record, with the exception of the Mevagissey Male Choir being referred to as the Mevagissey Male **Voice** Choir.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - **CWL** Although there was a specific reason for the CWL's recent fundraising events occurring in quick succession during Lent, it was mentioned that perhaps such a close conjunction should be avoided in future planning.
 - **Fostah** Fostah (Friends of St. Austell's Homeless) has applied for a Community grant for £250 from Cornwall Council and it is hoped that this will be approved in the next few weeks. If this is the case £15 a month will be donated to St. Augustine's for the use of St. Monica's Room.
 - **CAFOD** The new extension for the CAFOD notice board is now completed and ready to be installed. The Justice and Peace Group are very grateful to Alan Cartledge for the gift of his woodworking skills in constructing it.
 - **Parish website** The Parish Website in its current form contains much information that is now inaccurate and of out of date. Fr. Peter expressed the opinion that it needs a complete overhaul and should be rebuilt with outside help. He is meeting with Lionel Rigby very shortly to discuss the way forward and is very happy to share the responsibility of keeping the website up to date and relevant, if Lionel wishes support. He suggested that the various parish groups might like a page each and that they should be invited to consider how they would like to present their group on the website. There were various useful suggestions for other improvements, including the inclusion of information about the Ordinariate Group, more ecumenical input, more photographs including one of Fr. Peter himself and access for those with visual impairment. It was emphasised that, as with the weekly newsletter, all entries for the website should be processed and filtered through the Parish Office, Fr. Peter having the final say.
 - **Parish Directory** The updating of the Parish Directory was also mentioned and it was agreed that this should be undertaken by Sarah over the next few weeks.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:** There has been a request that we, as a Parish, and the Justice and Peace group in particular, should support a Catholic grandmother in Texas who has been on death row for approximately 10yrs, charged with murder, and whose execution by lethal injection is immanent. After discussion it was agreed that we are not in a position of judging whether this lady is guilty or not or of making a judgement on her crime, if indeed she committed it, but that the Death Penalty is totally unacceptable under any circumstances. It was felt that, although we could express our concern as a Parish by supporting the work of Amnesty International, it is sometimes good to be involved in showing love and concern for a

particular individual rather than expressing it in our support of the bigger overall picture. It was therefore agreed that parishioners should be given an opportunity to sign a petition to be sent to the Texan authorities appealing for clemency for this lady. The Justice and Peace Group will organise this.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- **Drains:** Tom Regan reported that the problems with the drainage system have been resolved. The drains have been thoroughly cleaned out and should be good for the next few years. As a parish, we are fortunate to have Denis Nolan's expertise in this area.
- **Parking:** It was reported that some parishioners with mobility problems are experiencing difficulty accessing a disabled parking space at weekend masses. It was suggested that maybe a gentle reminder could be put in the weekly newsletter to ask parishioners to be considerate in their use of the disabled parking spaces

7. SOCIAL MATTERS

Plant Sale: Owing to a lack of volunteers with time and energy there will be no major Plant Sale this year. It was suggested that maybe we could have a plant stall after the Sunday Masses one weekend early in May and that we should have a request for volunteers to help in the weekly newsletter. Date to be confirmed.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Celebration of Marriage Service** Rev Malcolm Bowers and Kathy Pope are representing the Association of Inter Church Families at the service in Exeter Cathedral in July.
- **Inter Faith Picnic:** 20th July, starting at Diocesan House and ending at the Dor Kemmyn Site at Penmount Crematorium
- **Inter Faith Forum Open Meeting:** 4th July at Epiphany House, the focus being 'Festivals'.
- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** John Keast, who is St. Austell's 'mayor elect', is planning to adopt as one of his mayoral concerns the Food Share Project. This initiative was set up by the Massaienda Centre in Plymouth to salvage the food that is currently rejected by the major supermarkets as being 'imperfect' and therefore destined to end up in landfill, and to use it for the good of the homeless and needy. Jacqui Foster also mentioned that an invitation to John Keast's mayoral inauguration 'do' in June would be on its way to either Fr. Peter or Deacon John.
- **St. Austell in Bloom:** St. Augustine's is on one of the routes taken by the 'Britain in Bloom' judges. It is requested that we make big efforts with our grounds this year! Appropriate photographs of gardens and grounds can also be sent to the 'Britain in Bloom' committee.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.30pm

