

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 20th November 2012

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
Tom Regan	June Blakemore	George Phillips
Mary Phillips	Jackie Foster	Margaret Eustice
Sarah Down		

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Kathy Pope and Linda Nolan

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Operation Sunshine:** After discussion it was agreed that, although Operation Sunshine was a very worthwhile cause, it would not be wise for the Parish to take on another fund-raising commitment. It already has a very full 'outward giving' programme throughout the year which, when combined with the financial upkeep of the church building and all the running costs of a large parish, makes very regular demands on parishioner's generosity and financial support. It was suggested that the Co-workers of Blessed Mother Teresa establish their own programme of support for Operation Sunshine and review the fund-raising issue at a later date.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Fr. Peter reported that John Ballard had written to him tendering his resignation from the PCG. During his 14yrs of service on the PCG, John has spent much time as Chairman and in fact has been acting Chairman over the past two years, overseeing Fr. Paul's short time in the parish and supporting Fr. Peter through his first year at St. Augustine's. He feels now that it is time to take a well earned break. Appreciation for John's commitment was expressed and it is planned to have a farewell thank you 'do' to celebrate John's contribution to the work of the PCG. Fr. Peter suggested that John's resignation provided a good opportunity to consider the current needs of the PCG both in relation to a new Chairman and also in relation to recruiting new members, bearing in mind the PCG's need to have a balanced membership that represented all areas of parish life.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

It was confirmed that the minutes of this month's Justice and Peace meeting have been circulated to all members of the PCG. Jacqui Foster gave a brief review. It was noted that members of J&P very much liked the earlier time of the meeting this month and would like to make this a regular time. Deacon John suggested that the Justice and Peace Group might like to consider moving the meeting to a Tuesday evening before Mass, thereby enabling its members to attend Mass after the meeting.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

Tom Regan reported that the extractor fan had now been installed in the kitchen and that the faulty outside light has been replaced. It is planned to have the central heating pipes in the Priest's Sacristy and Cuthbert Mayne Room placed above ground level and Tom is at present considering Denis Nolan's quotation for the work. Maintenance work for the future includes replacing the drainage grids in the car park in front of the disabled bays and repair and resurfacing work to the car park.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **Parish Lunch:** The Seahorse Restaurant at Pentewan has been booked for the Parish Lunch on 10th February. The restaurant has agreed a very competitive and reasonable price for the meal which it is hoped will encourage a greater number of parishioners to attend. It was asked whether there was a special menu price for children – Sarah is going to make an enquiry.
- **White River Gospel Choir:** It was agreed to invite the choir to give us a date in the spring for a concert. Ann Bassett is going to let the choir know and they will contact us through the Parish Office.
- **Mevagissey Male Choir:** It was agreed that the Mevagissey Choir should hold a concert in St. Augustine's in 12th October. The choir is hosting a visit from a Scottish choir, who will perform with them at that concert.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jacqui Foster gave a brief review of the last CTSA meeting. She reported that CTSA now had a new chairman and secretary. It has been decided to limit the activities of CTSA to four events a year, rather than a host of minor events, and to do them well. One suggestion is for an ecumenical service during St. Austell Feast Week – the time has yet to be agreed. The Annual CTSA Service is being held on 20th January at 6.30pm in Carclaze Chapel.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Advent Penitential Service:** Thursday 6th November at 7.00pm
- **Karen Parker:** Fr. Peter informed the PCG that Karen Parker is moving to live nearer her sister in Hertfordshire. She will be greatly missed by the parish and, in recognition of her loving service and to give parishioners an opportunity to say farewell to her, it has been decided to hold a 'leaving do' for Karen after the Penitential Service.

Deacon John closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm

