

**OUR LADY OF PEACE AND BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 12 July 2007  
in the Lady Chapel  
7.30 pm to 9.30 pm**

**Present:** Paul Fahey, Peter Hobbs, Fr Anthony Ikhenoba, Laurie James, Jack Noronha, John O'Neill, Ann-Marie Paterson, Norman Preston, Mary Wells, Pat Wells (Chair), Gabrielle Williamson

**Apologies:** John Allinson, Colin Forrestal, Norman Preston,

**A1 Opening Prayer**

**A3 Welcome to New Members**

Peter Hobbs is welcomed to the Parish Pastoral Council.

**A5 Matters arising**

Angel Choir – Gabrielle has had feedback from the diocese regarding child protection issues should young people be housed with parish families. Jack has contacted the group regarding the hall, and its lack of suitability for accommodation. Ann-Marie has also contacted the group regarding youth hostels.

World Youth Day (WYD) – Jack has contacted the diocese and if anyone else wants to go with the diocese they need to contact David Hill by the end of July. Jack will publicise this to the parish. The parish will support young people who want to go through fundraising. We are aware that one altar server from the parish is travelling to WYD with a separate group.

**Jack**

**A6 Christmas Service Dates**

These need to be considered soon. Liturgy group to be involved.

**Pat**

**A7 Prayer Chain**

Robyn has suggested setting up a parish prayer chain. The PPC is happy to endorse this.

**A9 Neighbours Party**

Leaflets have been delivered to our neighbours and doors have been knocked on. Not many neighbours were interested in attending but they were glad to be asked. Generally positive feedback.

Many residents have concerns about the car parking causing access problems for the emergency services. A notice to be placed in the newsletter to remind parishioners of the need to park safely and legally.

**Laurie**

**A10 Confirmation**

The service went well and positive feedback has been received from the candidates and their families.

There will be a follow up mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. This will also be used as a date to launch a new youth group.

It is suggested that there should be some follow up retreats for the group.

#### **A11 Liturgy Group**

The group met on 5<sup>th</sup> July and is now running itself.

They are looking at the commissioning of new Eucharistic ministers, but we need some more ministers. On 22 July announcements to be made at all masses for new ministers for both the mass, and for taking communion to the sick and housebound of the parish.

**0900 - Paul**  
**1100 - Pat**  
**1700 - Mary**

#### **A12 Priest's Garden**

Jane is to be asked to extend the gardeners contract to include the priest's garden and to update access arrangement details.

**Pat**

The hole in the patio area is due to a water leak that is now repaired. Approximate cost £500.

#### **A13 Vision Meeting**

A separate meeting will be conveyed to discuss details on 23<sup>rd</sup> August (TBC via email).

**All to pray**

Peter shared some words received during prayer which are attached to these minutes.

#### **A14 Parish group reports**

J&P, CTEER a Children's Liturgy Group Reports attached. Communication details TBC with J&P group.

**Pat**

#### **A15 Evangelistic Event letter**

Letter to be forwarded to CTEER.

**Pat**

#### **A16 AOB**

**Internet Forum:** Paul can't access. John O'N to forward access email to Paul. John to also set up Norman on the forum.

**John O'N**

**Wintershall events:** It is suggested that someone should be invited to talk to the parish about the events put on at Wintershall

**Peter**

**Life in the Spirit Seminars:** The PPC agreed that this could be a useful form of adult formation for the parish. Peter will look at possible speakers and dates.

**Peter**

#### **A16 Date of Next Meetings**

Vision Meeting – 23 August

PPC Meeting - Thursday 13 September, 7.30 pm

#### **A17 Closing Prayer**

## Where Do You Place Your Trust?

When life goes wrong and you're surrounded by enemies,  
where do you place your trust?  
When your followers doubt and your friends dissuade you,  
where do you place your trust?

Whose voice do you choose to follow?  
Whose path do you choose to tread?  
I, the Lord, am close beside you.  
I speak to all who have ears to hear  
My voice is a voice of compassion and wisdom,  
speaking in silence if you will but be still.

Who do you choose to put your faith in today?  
Where do you place your trust?

You do not have to be unusual to be unique – only be yourself!  
Have the courage to explore the areas of yourself that you see in  
no-one else.

Trust me in all circumstances and I will lead you to places and  
through experiences whose only purpose is to show you who you  
are: I value you for who you are, not what you do.

What do I care about material possessions or human  
achievements?  
I have the whole world, and if that were not enough I could conjure  
another with a single thought.  
No, my concern is for you – I love you and long for your happiness.  
You are my beloved.  
You are the object of my affection, the apple of my eye.

## OVERVIEW & STATUS REPORT ON CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Following the request for volunteer leaders earlier this year, we currently have:

9.00 MASS	6 leaders		1 helper
11.00 MASS	6 leaders	6 Assistants	5 helpers

The proposed "buddy" system is working well, with 4 new leaders this term taking their first lead session.

We have had 1 resignation this term.

Child protection forms have been sent out & are starting to come back to progress registration and checks. No unchecked person will lead alone.

The monthly planning meeting continues each first Tuesday of the month except August, with up to 6 attendees at a time. The format remains unchanged, taking our lead from the scheduled readings, meditation and discussion.

Gabrielle Williamson  
August 2007

## Justice and Peace Group Report July 2007

1. The original concept for the group (when Fr. Shaun set it up) was:
  - Act as a point of contact within the parish for issues relating to J&P.
  - To review/filter J&P related communications sent to the church and communicate to the parish. This function now seems to be handled directly by the PPC
  - To organise occasional appeals (e.g. Christmas Giving Tree) within the church
  
2. Brid Durnin kindly volunteered to be the chair of the J&P committee when it was formed
  
3. Every month we highlight an Amnesty International case in the church newsletter to raise awareness within the parish; get prayer support for individuals concerned and encourage parishioners to write letters to people in authority which might make a difference.
  
4. Recently we have considered starting a register of existing links between parishioners and external charities or endeavours. We feel that if we are aware of what the parish is already involved in we can focus parish efforts better in the future. See attached for a prototype of what we have in mind.
  
5. One of our members attends the "Churches Together in Earley and East Reading" (CTEER) meetings which has been very active in co-ordinating anti-slavery campaigns during 2007. Julianne Grafton kindly agreed to represent Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi parish (OLOP) at CTEER meetings and feeds back information to the J&P group as well as publishing at least one CTEER event in our parish newsletter so far.
  
6. A parishioner from St. John Bosco has recently expressed an interest in the OLOP J&P group as her parish does not have such a committee. She intends attending our next meeting (18/9/07, 8:00 PM at OLOP church) with a view to becoming a member. At least one other parishioner at St. John Bosco may also be interested in joining.
  
7. We have had speakers from various organisations attend our meetings in order to describe their activities, e.g. Christian Community Action (CCA Reading), a representative from Christ The King J&P group, David Holland to talk about how funds raised on behalf of Fr. Terry are being used. After the CCA talk we published an article about this organisation in the parish newsletter and have published CCA requests in the newsletter since then.

July 2007-07-02 Gerard Conroy

**Notes on the CTEER AGM held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at Lower Early Baptist Church, Maiden Eareley Community Centre, Maiden Place – attended by Angela and Mel**

The meeting began at 7.30pm with a short service of worship led by Keith Wilson. This was followed by refreshments for 15 minutes then the serious business of the meeting began.

The convenor Rob Weston began by welcoming everyone and saying that this was his last meeting after a 2-year stewardship and the new convenor, Bernie Waters, sent his apologies for his absence. Sue Sheppy is staying as Secretary. Richard Munday, Treasurer, was also stepping down and his place was being taken by Sue (?) (Apology not not getting surname). All were voted unanimously.

The programme over the past year has been very successful and it is hoped that this coming year will be even more successful.

Some forthcoming events:

Picnic in the Park – Sol Joel – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2 – 4pm. Notice up in Church porch.

More volunteers/Stewards are needed to help in putting up marquees from 10am and contribute in the way of service eg. Face Painting, Hair Braiding and any other fun activities to make it a memorable day.

Parking is at St Peter's School and look out for Steward's directions.

St Nicolas Earley will be celebrating 60 years with a Fun Weekend - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Again notice up in Church porch. All are welcome. Alison Adam will be adding to the event with "A Big Sing" at 2pm on the Sunday. All activities of this weekend are open to all, but tickets will be issued for the Barn Dance on the Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 - 11pm and the Barbecue on the Sunday – 12 noon.

Week of Christian Unity – 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> January 2008. Details nearer the date.

On another note we need more people involved in the REinspired project. On the whole we only have 3 catholics, i.e. Sarah from William of York, one from Corpus Christi and myself. I have not attended from March due to my leg bit I am in touch with them all the time.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY IS TO BE HELD ON Sept.30<sup>th</sup> 07.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November there will be a thanksgiving service at the Globe for all the work that will have been achieved since the January service.

Christmas Services of all Churches within the CTEER area need to be in by October 18. You can have up to 3 days services for the Christmas celebrations provided there is enough space on the leaflets.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Future meetings: Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at Earley St Peter's CE  
Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008.