

Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Norbury

Summary of PPC Meeting held on 30th April 2015

1/ The minutes of the inaugural meeting were approved.

2/ Matters Arising

Publication of Constitution, Agenda and Minutes was discussed. Fr. Deo to consult Diocese. Agreed that all members of the Parish can submit items for the Agenda.

PPC Constitution. Amendments were agreed unanimously.

3/ Welcoming new Parishioners : the current New parishioner Form was discussed. Data Protection is an issue.

First Communion children hand out Mass books to Mass goers for much of the year.

4/ Census Form – needs to be clear and concise. Current Parish database is out of date.

Mass attendance has been in decline since 1984.

5/ The Pastoral Visit by Bishop Patrick was very successful. His report was very encouraging.

6/ Parish Mission There had been mixed reactions to the Mission. It might have been more effective by reaching out to lapsed Catholics and the community at large. More preparation next time. A poll of those who attended recorded 98% satisfaction.

7/ Family Choir. To rehearse and perform in the Gallery from now on. Organist Louis Pearson under Tony's supervision.

8/ Fr. Carolin's Grave. A new memorial to replace current grave was agreed. Cost £4500 to be raised privately. Ownership to pass to the diocese.

9/ Inscribed Tablet of previous Parish Priests has been rescued and is to be updated and re-installed in the church. A Brass plate of previous Parish Priests has also been updated and will be reinstalled in the Sacristy.

10/ Reverence and respect in the church. Posters have placed in the church as a reminder of being in God's house. This is not aimed at babies and infants.

11/ A.O.B. A proposal to replace the painting at the rear of the retro chapel with a picture of the Divine Mercy. Some parishioners like the painting and some don't!

The Meeting ended with a Blessing.

Next Meeting 10th June.