



Holy Saviour R.C. Church  
2 Vulcan Street  
NELSON

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE

15<sup>th</sup> November 2006

11 Members of the parish attended the meeting, chaired by Fr. Chris Gorton

Fr. Chris opened the meeting with a prayer

Apologies received from Lisa Stinchon, Sinead Baker, Eileen Howley, Sam Lonsdale, Pearl Karim, Katherine Parker, Sheila Cooper and Maureen McDermott

Minutes of the last meeting approved by Marie Clarke and seconded by Anne Marie Coupe

Fr Chris suggested we use this time to take stock and consider what have been the advantages, disadvantages of the Forum, any problems and where to go from here.

Before the members formed small groups to consider the above, a discussion took place re the Sacramental programme and how it affects families - parents and children, encouraging all to come to church more regularly.

A member of the Forum advised that a comment had been made by a parishioner that the Forum had not done very much!

It was suggested that we publish a list of achievements on a regular basis to keep parishioners informed and up-dated.

Suggested topics for small group discussion and consideration:-

- The reorganisation of the tables in the Parish Centre
- The Church signs - which are now in place
- What has been done so far?

Following group discussions re the above, the following points were made

- The Forum is worthwhile and has achieved much since its formation.
- The Census - a good idea but needs following up as the response was not too good - form to be re-designed.
- The Children's Liturgy - very successful
- Taizé Evenings - very successful
- 'Mums and Tots' Club and 'Wednesday Afternoon' Group - very successful
- Social Functions so far well attended
- Mass for the 'Sick & Housebound' - well attended
- New Church signs now in place - looking good!
- Music at the Sunday evening Mass has started

The tables in the Parish Centre have been re-sited and there was a mixed response as to the success of this initiative. Wait and see!!

The Sacramental Programme and Children's/Family Mass - once per month - has started and is progressing satisfactorily

The number of Eucharistic Ministers has been increased

The number of Readers has also been increased, but more volunteers would be welcome.

The tea and coffee served in the Parish Centre is 'Fair Trade'.

Due to the state of the Mass Books, the Church Bulletin it is to be printed on the back of Mass Sheets.

A Grab rail was requested at the front door.

Tea and Toast on Wednesdays after morning Mass, starting 22nd November, to be advertised at St John Southworth and Christ Church.

Carols round the Tree on Friday 22nd December to be advertised in other Parishes - mulled wine, Irish coffee, mince pies, tea and coffee.

All the above was considered to be constructive, even criticism is good and should be encouraged.

Fr Chris stressed that there should be no clicks in the Parish and everything should be open to everyone.

Items for Church Bulletin, Volunteers are needed to:-

1. Help decorate the Church and Parish Centre for Christmas
2. Man the various stalls at the Fairtrade Christmas Fair.

After Christmas the Forum Meetings will include a 'specific' Agenda item which may encourage more people to attend.

Date of next meeting:-

20 December 2006 in the Presbytery.

Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a Jacob's Join. Anyone wishing to come will be welcome.

Meeting closed at approximately 8.30 p.m.