



Holy Saviour R.C. Church  
2 Vulcan Street  
NELSON

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE

6th February 2007

The meeting was well attended and Fr. Chris thanked everyone for attending.

Fr. Chris opened the meeting with a prayer

The agenda for this meeting was specifically to devise the parish Lenten programme.

After small group discussions to review what has been held in the past and considered to have worked well, groups were asked to consider any new ideas which would contribute to our Lenten preparation bearing in mind the three areas -prayer, penance and alms giving. After discussion and debate the programme for Lent was decided as below.

**Weekly**

**Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross 9 am & Mass 9.30 am

Lenten discussion 7.30pm (in presbytery)

**Wednesdays 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am & Mass 12noon

Followed by soup / roll lunch in parish centre

**Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Stations of the Cross 7pm & Mass 7.30pm

**Fridays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass 6.30am

**Saturdays 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am & Mass 12noon

**Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Exposition 2pm

Mass 10.30am and 6pm

Ash Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> February	Mass 7pm
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Meditation / Prayer Group 7.30pm (presbytery)
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Meditation / Prayer Group 7.30pm (presbytery)
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation Service 6.30 pm
Holy Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass 8 pm
Good Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross 12noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 pm Reflection and Meditation 7pm
Easter Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil Mass 8pm
Easter Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass 10.30am only

Alms Giving - Although we could support CAFOD as we have done in the past, Maureen mentioned that she had contact with a priest (who has actually visited and offered mass here at Holy Saviour) working in Zimbabwe in a parish experiencing considerable difficulties. Everyone thought that a direct contact with a specific project would be a good idea and would possibly appeal to all age groups in the parish. Maureen to contact Fr. Pat and ask him to suggest how we could help. Other ideas for the young children could be collection of coins in an empty Smarties tube. Older children and adults could maybe create a Lenten Collection box to amass loose change.

Fr. Chris explained his other idea (not just for Lent) of inviting small groups of parishioners (12) to have a meal with him in the presbytery. This would not only help him to get to know parishioners but also for them to get to know each other. Various thoughts were shared as to how to start this, how to develop it and what to call these evening gatherings. He is hoping to have the first such evening on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

We omitted to set a date for the next meeting.