



Holy Saviour R.C. Church
2 Vulcan Street
NELSON

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE

17th July 2007

Father Chris opened the meeting with a prayer.

He thanked all those present for attending whilst stressing that the Forum meetings were open to everyone, he would like everyone in the parish to feel that they can give their views on what is happening in the parish.

Using the new format distributed at the last meeting discussion ensued and developments/comments are noted:-

LITURGY

1. The first 'Under Fives Liturgy' was well attended (approximately 30 children plus adults). Feedback had been very positive. This will be held monthly starting September.
2. Starting in September there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prior to the Saturday lunchtime mass.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

1. The Evangelical 'Open Day for Jesus' may have to be postponed until the redecoration of the church is completed. This is going to be a huge event and although we can't set a date there is a lot of work to be done to prepare for this. Hopefully planning and preparation for this event will begin in September.
2. R.C.I.A. group will begin again in September.
3. Fr. Chris will be visiting the sick and housebound in the next week or so before he takes his summer break.
4. Fr. Chris is keen to develop groups for young people 11-16 and for the 18+.

FABRIC OF THE BUILDING

Fr. Chris reported that the parish has had 3 quotes for the internal redecoration of the church. He has also met with a diocesan representative and they have looked at additional works which need to be attended to in order to maintain the fabric of the church, presbytery and parish centre as well as making provision for disabled access and toilet facilities.

A first estimate of costs for ALL the above repairs, improvements and decoration totals £43,000. An application for a loan from the diocese has been made. It is hoped that we might hear the result of this application in the not too distant future as some of the outdoor work/repairs should ideally be completed before the onset of winter. Once we have some kind of timetable for the repairs and improvements we will need to consider how we can maintain usual services whilst the work is being done.

SOCIAL

1. The recently held Treasure Hunt was considered to have been very successful and enjoyed by all who participated.
2. Fr. Chris is thinking of starting some form of sporting activity for those young people in the late primary /early secondary age group.

A.O.B.

1. Father Saga who is due to come to the parish (as he did last year), whilst Fr. Chris is away, is having problems getting a visa. We still hope that this problem will be resolved but in the event that it is not Fr. Chris will arrange for a supply priest for Sunday Masses. It may also be possible for Eucharistic services to be held weekdays. Fr. Chris will discuss this with the Eucharistic ministers.

2. This time last year a leaflet was prepared for circulation in the September outlining developments in the parish over the previous 12 months. It was suggested that we should do the same this year. A draft will be presented prior to the September meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

The meeting ended with a prayer.