

# Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team

## Minutes of meeting 7.30pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 St Peter's Parish Centre

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Present: Peter Dimambro, Paul Northam and Jenny Warr.

Apologies: Natalie Orefice, Deacon David Palmer, June Palmer and Peter Shiels.

### **2 Matters arising from last meeting**

#### **a) Our Lady's Lillington**

##### **i) New Visiting Group**

Paul and Peter were awaiting a meeting with Fr. John.

##### **ii) Alpha Sessions**

Peter said that the first talk was on 19th January. Deacon David had earlier said that 15 were attending.

#### **b) Evangelisation in the Warwick deanery**

Paul and Peter were awaiting a meeting with Fr. John.

#### **c) Parish Groups and New Parishioners' Shared Supper 14<sup>th</sup> January**

This was held after the 5pm Saturday Mass at St Peter's.

Peter thought that parish groups and ministries set up impressive displays showing what they do. People listed their group(s) on flip charts and had name stickers showing the initials of their group(s)/ministry.

New parishioners who had joined the parish over recent years were invited as well as those who had been received into the Catholic Church.

The idea was to have a free social event, to help new parishioners see some friendly faces, find out about parish groups and ministries, enable them to feel welcomed and at home. Although only 32 attended (3 new parishioners) it was a happy and informative gathering. It was an opportunity to have a joint event for the new Catholic Parish of Leamington following the merger of the three local churches of Our Lady's Lillington, St Joseph's Whitnash and St Peter's Leamington Spa. St Peter's parish directory of groups and ministries was on display. There was positive feedback. There were many apologies.

As this was the first event of its kind held in the parish, some asked that it be repeated each January and to extend it to all parishioners to encourage more involvement in parish life.

A short trailer of the Big Picture was shown to promote the new series due to start at St Peter's in February.

An entry had gone into the February issue of the archdiocese paper Catholic Today.

The Team agreed that this should now be an annual January event and for it to include all parishioners of the three churches.

Paul thought it would be good for other parishes in the archdiocese to consider holding a similar event to help build up community and involvement in parish groups.

### **3) Proclaim Warwick – Follow-up**

Proclaim 15 Prayer

#### **a) The Gift**

Paul said that Natalie had organised a day on prayer ministry at Oscott College on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### b) Proclaim Bite size

This was held at Christ the King parish Coventry on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Paul said that this was very well attended with over 35 present. There were four talks and workshops relating to youth personal overview strategy using social media for youth work. Maria Bracken, Natalie, Laura Hines (development officer) and Sr. Gillian Murphy were involved.

#### **4 A Quick journey through the Bible DVD**

In view of other courses happening up to the summer, Gareth and Peter had decided to delay the 2017 repeat series for the Warwick Deanery until the autumn.

#### **5 “The Big Picture” book and DVD**

Maureen Chatfield plans to start a series in Our Lady’s Lillington after the current alpha series as there was little take up on 10<sup>th</sup> January. A series is taking place at Our Lady and St Wulstan, Southam. One started at St Francis, Kenilworth on 22<sup>nd</sup> February with five attending. St Peter’s session started on 23<sup>rd</sup> February with eight and included Canon Stewart and Jennifer Russell from Hampton on the Hill parish who were seeing how the sessions were run to consider holding their own sessions in their area.

#### **6 Fatima Centenary celebrations event 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Peter said that he had a meeting with some of the crew of the film ‘The 13<sup>th</sup> Day’ Leo Hughes, Executive Producer and Romek Kracewicz, Marketing who will be speaking about the film. Leo will be providing free DVD’s and other resources. The venue and main outline of the day was agreed. St Anthony’s school Leamington will be involved. Bishop Kenny was supporting the event although was not free that day. Peter is to advertise around the bishop’s deaneries.

Articles are on the Birmingham archdiocese and the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales websites. There is a new ‘Fatima News’ noticeboard opposite the piety shop at St Peter’s. Offers of help for the day were requested. The True Devotion Group will be discussing the event at their next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Paul said that he would be able to publicise the event through some social media channels and Peter is to keep him informed of developments.

#### **7 AOB**

##### a) Sharing my faith journey (Personal Testimony)

Paul and Peter were awaiting a meeting with Fr. John.

##### b) Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

There was no news to report from St Francis, Kenilworth.

##### c) Alpha training Day Birmingham 18<sup>th</sup> February

Paul said that 40 attended. Prayer ministry was a big part of the day with leaders that were considering growth of parishes and being missionary disciples. Fr. Julian Green’s book Divine Renovation is a good resource. Our Lady of Grace Stoke on Trent are actively involved.

##### d) Evangelisation Team Survey

Peter said that he had submitted his entry and had copied it to Fr. John for information. Paul said that he had not received any other feedback.

#### e) Thy Kingdom Come

Paul said that this was a prayer initiative for evangelisation and mission for the 10 days between the Ascension and Pentecost. It is a joint venture with the Anglican and Catholic churches and has the backing of archbishop Longley.

### **Parish of Leamington only items**

#### **8 Linked Groups - reports**

##### a) RCIA

Peter said that one man who was attending the current RCIA session at St Peter's was received into the church in St Francis Kenilworth a few weeks ago and will continue to attend the sessions. Three, with their sponsors, and Fr. John attended the Rite of Election at St Chad's yesterday and are due to be received into the church at St Peter's at the Easter vigil. Another lady plans to attend sessions for a further year.

Three have already registered for the next RCIA course in September.

##### b) Parish Visiting Team - St Peter's

Peter said that notified visiting of families who have had their children baptised at St Peter's in 2015 was continuing.

A new DVD "Beloved Disciples" @ £39.95 (or download £19.95) for the over 60's has been obtained for the parish. This is to be viewed to plan holding sessions hopefully at the new Queensway Court or in other premises later in the year.

##### c) Parish Welcoming Group – St Peter's

One new parishioner had registered over the last two months and had been visited. She attended the parish shared supper and is now a reader at Mass.

#### **9 AOB**

##### a) Easter leaflets and posters

These are to be updated from 2016 and publicised as in previous years.

##### b) Divine Mercy Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

This is to be promoted as in previous years at St Peter's.

**Next meeting:-** Davenport Room 7.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> May

Other dates for your diary, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

#### **Closing prayers.**

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us

Blessed Dominic Barberi – Pray for us

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman – Pray for us.