

Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team

Minutes of meeting 7.30pm Monday 9th January 2017 St Peter's Parish Centre

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

1 Welcome and apologies

Present: Gareth Astell, Peter Dimambro, Paul Northam, Natalie Orefice, Ann Reilly, Peter Shiels and Jenny Warr.

Apologies: Chris Danes, Aidrie Felix, Deacon David Palmer and June Palmer.

2 Matters arising from last meeting

a) Our Lady's Lillington

i) New Visiting Group

Peter D said that he was awaiting a meeting with Fr. John to discuss the practicalities.

ii) Alpha

The first talk is on 19th January. Invitations had been given to non-churchgoing Catholics and non-Catholics in the central Leamington area who had previously been visited.

b) Evangelisation in the Warwick deanery

A meeting with Fr. John was awaited.

c) Parish Groups and New Parishioners' Shared Supper 14th January

This is to start after the 5pm Mass at St Peter's. All known parish groups and ministries of St Peter's and new parishioners from 2014 to date registered at St Peter's or found during parish visiting had been personally invited. A newsletter entry had been sent to Our Lady's and St Joseph's for them to be included. Offers of help on the day were given.

Paul and Natalie wished to know how it went as it could be promoted in the archdiocese.

An article in Catholic day, with a photo, was suggested.

3) Proclaim Warwick – Follow-up

Proclaim 15 Prayer

a) The Gift

Gareth said that he would be contacting Chris Danes.

b) Proclaim Bite size

These are sessions on using social media for parish catechesis & evangelisation.

Details of them up to March 2017 had been circulated and advertised.

June and Gareth were planning to attend the Christ the King Coventry event on 15th February.

4 A *Quick* journey through the Bible DVD series

a) Report. Peter said that the sessions ended last month with 16 finishing the course. Feedback was most positive and all found it most helpful in their understanding of the bible and salvation history. Several wished to join the follow-up course "the Big Picture".

b) 2017 repeat series for the Warwick Deanery.

Gareth and Peter are to meet to discuss the arrangements.

5 "The Big Picture" book and DVD series

Maureen Chatfield is starting a series on 11th January in Our Lady's Lillington. At the last Team meeting it was considered best to have a number of groups and to hold them in parishioners' homes rather than St Peter's parish centre unless there was a particularly big demand for one day and time. It was now to be promoted throughout the Warwick deanery and Peter is to arrange advertising.

6 Fatima Centenary celebrations event 13th May

Peter said that his view was that this should take place in St Peter's church and the parish centre for practical reasons and because that new Fatima statue had been obtained for the church. He hoped to have the crowning ceremony at the 10am Mass. The film, 'The 13th day' is to be shown as there were local connections. The World Apostolate of Fatima has said that Our Lady's message is an effective contribution to the New Evangelisation. Other views were noted and a sub group is to be set up with a request for Our Lady's and St Joseph's parishioners to be involved.

7 AOB

a) Sharing my faith journey (Personal Testimony)

A meeting with Fr. John was awaited.

b) Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

Peter S said there was no further news to report.

c) Alpha training day

Natalie said that this was on 18th February in the Grimshaw Room, St Chad's, Birmingham. This had already been advertised in the Warwick deanery and posters were up in St Peter's.

d) Web Explorers Group

Natalie said that she had been with the new Web Explorers Group which is based at St Charles Borromeo Parish. This group come about from a Laudato Si' study session. They are looking for new members and have requested that people are made aware of the group and invite them to join.

e) Domenic Barberi DVD

Peter S said that this had been used in the Year of Faith and it was hoped to be seen locally in their parish.

f) Leamington Evangelisation Team Survey

Paul said this was an online survey (survey monkey) for the Team and Fr. John to complete so that he could get a wide range of responses and ideas. It can be of benefit to other parishes and had been forwarded to the rest of the team. Peter S, Jenny and Christine Williamson will be given printed copies to complete.

Regarding a meeting with Fr. John on other matters as above, it was agreed that both Paul and Peter should meet with Fr. John. Paul is to inform Peter of the meeting date.

Parish of Leamington only items

8 Linked Groups - reports

a) RCIA

Gareth gave his report saying that there were three definates and one who had missed a few sessions so was unsure about her. The Rite of Welcome is due next week with the Rite of Election in lent and then the Easter Vigil to receive them into the Church.

b) Parish Visiting Team - St Peter's

Christmas invitations to non-churchgoers and posters to hotels etc. in Leamington had been done. Home to home visiting had now finished for the winter. There is now notified visiting of families who have had their children baptised at St Peter's in 2015. Most families were pleased to be visited. This method of support and evangelisation was proving to be most productive especially in encouraging the families to be more involved in parish life and to improve Mass attendance where appropriate.

ii) Queensway Court

A new DVD "Beloved Disciples" @ £39.95 (or download £19.95) for the over 55's is now available. There are four sessions and it was recommended by Cafe to have be a fifth week for a Mass (possibly a healing Mass). Peter is to contact June to see if she had received the DVD and Natalie said she could loan the DVD if needed. The manager at the court was unsure whether they would approve of holding the course on their premises. The matter is to be investigated by the Visiting Team.

c) Parish Welcoming Group – St Peter's

Five new parishioners had registered over the last two months and four productive visits, had been made. A couple seen in Queensway Court may be a good contact for the DVD Beloved Disciples.

9 AOB

None

Next meeting:- Davenport Room 7.30pm 6th March

Other dates for your diary, 8th May, 3rd July, 4th Sept, 6th Nov

Closing prayers.

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us

Blessed Dominic Barberi – Pray for us

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman – Pray for us.