

PPC meeting – Tuesday 6th December. Report from Canon Paul

The Parish Pastoral Council met last Tuesday evening for a very full meeting. Plans were begun for the Parish Open Meeting which will be on Tuesday 24th April in the new Pastoral Centre. There were some important discussions, one of them based on the work of the newly formed Communications Group which is being lead by Margaret Berryman. Much work has already been done planning for a much needed parish communications strategy which will maximise the strengths as well as addressing the weaknesses. The Welcoming Ministry was the subject of a powerful discussion which focussed on the importance of making new parishioners feel at home and recording their contact details on the new Pamis database. It is a very effective piece of software allowing us to find addresses for visits as well giving us the ability to send newsletters to everyone for whom we have an email address.

Gratitude was expressed for the work of the Adult Education Group. It is now making its plans for next year. The Pastoral Council thought long and hard about how we attract and encourage parishioners to support these initiatives in greater numbers.

The catechesis of our young people was a serious concern especially those children at non-Catholic schools and the 16-18 year old age group which has so many questions about the faith and the life of Christians.

I chaired the meeting and took the notes. I have been chairing the group since Angela Muxworthy left the parish and during the meeting everyone agreed that I needed to find another member to do this important work.

The minutes that I took had lots of action points with names against them. The Parish Pastoral Council is doing a lot of work and I am grateful to them.