

MINUTES of LITURGY MEETING 24th Aug. 2005 7.30p.m.

In presence of: Fr Bernard, Deacon Michael, Bill Brown, Mary Daly, Pat Shrimpton, Barrie Teucher, Anne Marie Sparrow, Ann Gathercole, Kath Fallon. Apologies from Dec. Peter, Peter Iles, Meeting started and finished with a prayer from Fr Bernard.

Matters arising-

3c Candle wax still a problem-discussion as to whether tea lights in a container might be better. Everyone said they would have a think about a solution by next time

6. Flower festival was a huge success measured by the numbers involved, the community spirit engendered, the end result, the people visiting. Photos too were much appreciated and gave the newer members of the parish a good history lesson. Only regret was that there was not a sign directing people to the hall after they had looked around the church. More advertising was needed to publicise it to the community. Thanks were expressed to Pat for coming up with the idea and working with so many groups.

7. Two Masses for the school were held outside on the Holydays in the Summer Term and were enjoyed by all. Microphones on these occasions were excellent.

1 Make poverty history campaign was run, on a parish and Diocesan level and proved well supported.

2. CJM concert coming up and arrangements were discussed. Barrie agreed to form a working committee to help organise things especially when Fr Bernard was away. Hopefully 300+ people were expected.

3 Baptism in Mass on Sat evening for a woman who had been brought up as a Hindu and was now becoming a Catholic..

4. New rotas to be up and running for 10 weeks from next week.

5. Fr Bernard – At present also covering Chipping Sodbury Parish so the total Masses will change after he comes back from holiday-less in other churches as he will have help from other priests.

6. Remembrance service-we should sensitively have a cut off point to reduce the total numbers read out by

1. confining it to those who had a funeral service at St Augustine's

2. parishioner's parents and immediate family if they weren't included in 1.

All of those in 1 should be in the parish records-check with Deacon Peter and those in 2 should be asked at Mass to give in the names to the presbytery-stressing this is a new list this year.

It was decided to have the service on Wed. Nov. 2nd at 11am with the Mass of Holy Souls at 10am followed by a gap so that people did not feel they had to attend both –long period in church.

The service to be followed by a Lenten style lunch in the parish hall to be organised by the liturgy committee so that there would be less isolation for those coming out of the service who live alone.

Stewards needed to be asked to put out the tables and chairs in the hall-Fr Bernard ?

7. Legion was asked when they were ending their series of exposition and said it was at the end of the Year of the Eucharist. Perhaps a short break would be useful and then a reason would emerge to have them again-timing needed to be considered.

8. Deanery visit to Hailes Abbey and CWL retreat at Woodchester clashed on 8th October.

9. Confirmation would take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 29th Nov. 23 young people and 2 adults. Preparation Masses were taking place for it.

10. As the next meeting is so close to Remembrance Sunday Barrie would ensure there was a bugler at each Mass and would Deacon Peter liaise with the uniformed organisations for the Garden of Remembrance, flag etc

Next meeting – Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm

Topics discussed in this meeting last year and which may need consideration at the next meeting

Youth Sunday: Advent Deanery Penitential services: Gift Sunday: MICAG Advent service as well as the Christmas services.