

St Augustine of Canterbury and St John Fisher Pastoral Council February 12th 2008

Representing: <i>St John Fisher</i>	<i>St Augustines</i>	<i>Both</i>
Present: Peter Taylor	Sue O'Hara	John Scanlon
Brenda Horne	Carmen Bradley	Deacon Peter
	John Hardwick	Deacon Mike

Summary of Meeting

After greeting each other we started our meeting in prayer. We used the open prayer from 'Called to be a People of Hope'. We then spent some time with scripture, this month looking at the old testament, 1 Samuel Chapter 3.

We moved on from scripture into 'How do we celebrate'. We have a diverse and active community in both parishes and many groups and organisations. Many of the recommendations in A People of Hope are already running. However, we felt there may be much more we can do if the groups were more aware of each other, or more aware of similar groups in other parishes. It was pointed out that a few years ago the Parish Pastoral Council had produced parish directory, full of information about all the activity going on within the parish. It was felt it would be good to review, and possibly update this, and think how this information could be used.

We then went on to discuss 'What is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council'. This was a very interesting discussion. As a council we were keen to understand what Fr. Frank would like our role to be and what Bishop Declan would like our role to be. We also handed out pages 14-15 of Called to be a people of hope, as they refer directly to the role of the pastoral council. The full document can be found at <http://www.cliftondiocese.com/assets/files/pdf/2008/november/calledtobeapeopleofhopelowres.pdf>

We went on to discuss how people work in the parish, and what they feel comfortable doing. The differences between knowledge of the faith and confidence in your faith were also discussed. This lead us to talk about how we might enable more of both in our parish, and then with more knowledge and confidence how we might take our faith out into the community or welcome the community into our churches.

As 9pm approach we finished with prayer and and looking forward to meeting Bishop Declan during his visit on the 7th & 8th of March and to meeting our new Parish Priest Fr Frank.

Our next meeting is on the 12th March in the upstairs room of St Augustines hall.

Bishop Declan would like to meet with us all on the 8th March at 11am at St. Augustines.