

## MALAHIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Notes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup>. October 2010

**Attendance:** Fr. Peter Broscoe, Fr. Paul Thornton, Sr. Margaret Moynihan, Charlie Farrell, Jo Morris, John Lynch. Jean Houghton, Bob Rooney, Dan Lucey, Oliver Whelan, Daphney Green, Joan Reynolds, Noelle O'Donoghue McCaul, Regina MacCarrick.

**Apologies:** Joe McDonnell, Paddy Roche, Pauline Lynch.

**Funeral Ministry:** To help us respond to this item in the Archbishop's letter two members of the Bethany Group came to talk to us. Malahide Bethany Bereavement Group was formed six years ago with eight volunteers. They provide Funeral Preparation, Home Visits, One to One Support and Group Support. They visit the family of the bereaved, they have a bereavement book from which they help the family to choose the readings, the Gospel and the prayers. In Malahide they provide Funeral Preparation and Bethany Bereavement, some parishes only have one or other, they find it is best to have the two. They now have fourteen volunteers, they work in two's and offer this service to the three religious denominations in Malahide. They feel the eulogies are very important to the bereaved family members, this to be recorded in our reply letter to the Archbishop. A team to do the prayers at the graveside is down the road at the moment but there may have to be move towards this in the future. Thanks were expressed to the group for the work they are doing and for the great service they provide.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Constitution, no desire to change it. Reminder that in 2012 six people, who are members since the first council was formed, will have to stand down.

Website, all names to be omitted from the minutes except attendance and apology names.

**Correspondence:** A day long seminar "What does it mean to be a Catholic today" in All Hallows College on 16<sup>th</sup>. October, €10.

Programme "A Spirituality for you" over eight Saturdays in the Stella Maris Retreat Centre, €350.

A programme of events for Autumn 2010 in the Mercy Centre, Coolock.

**Response to Archbishop's letter – issues re boundaries:** Part of the letter is already out of date as Fr. Briscoe has now been appointed Administrator of St. Sylvester's, Sacred Heart, Portmarnock and Kinsealy Parishes. Each Parish has it's own PPC, they must find ways of working together, no joint meeting has been set up yet. A small group and the Parish staff to meet and discuss any issues, their views would then be brought forward when the four PPC's meet.

Deanery meeting 20<sup>th</sup>. October in Brackenstown, we will be represent there.

The name of one lay person from each Deanery should be put forward to form an interim Diocesan Pastoral Council.

If there were any contrary views to the grouping of these four Parishes it should be discussed and if not in agreement the Boundary Commission should be informed. The position of Waterside was discussed, there are many Malahide people living there who come to the Sacred Heart or St. Sylvester's for Baptisms and Marriages.

**Prayer:** One of our members led us in prayer.

**Parish Centre Update:** The Architect is to give a presentation to the Pastoral Council on 4<sup>th</sup>. November.

The project group meet every two weeks. The date for going to tender is 11<sup>th</sup>. March. Work on the outside of the Church to be completed before the building of the centre starts, this includes repointing, gutters, windows etc. It has been decided to use Gas heating in the centre. A sub group is looking at Electrical and Mechanical requirements.

**Meeting with remaining Parish Groups:** This to take place on 30<sup>th</sup>. November.

**Apostolic Visitation:** We do not know much about this. We did express some forthright views in our letter to the Archbishop after the Murphy report, it would be logical that we follow this up with the visiting group. A copy of the letter to be sent to them.

**Parish Activities:** The Parish retreat went very well, a good cross of people attended, the posters let the people know what is going on in the Parish.

The farewell Mass for Fr. Tanham was lovely, beautiful music, the presentation and reception very enjoyable, thanks to the Hospitality group who did an excellent job.

**Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup>. November**