

Central & West Reading Pastoral Area
Parishes of St James & St William of York, English Martyrs and St Joseph's.

Minutes from the joint Parish Pastoral Council meeting
12 December 2011
Venue: St James

Chair: Chris Burton (EM/SJo)

Mgr J Nelson (JN)	Ann Epps (EM/SJo)
Canon John O'Shea (JOS)	Carmen Ibanez (EM/SJo)
Fr Bonaventure	Hugh Roddie (EM/SJo)
Ben Awuah (SJ/SW)	Sabine Schwartz (University)
Charlie McArthur (EM/SJo)	

George Nowacki (EM/SJo) (Minutes secretary)

Apologies were received from: Frankie Atherstone (EM/SJo), Harry McSoley, Tim Wright (EM/SJo)

Tim Wright had written a letter in which he regretfully tendered his resignation from the PPC. Chris, on behalf of the PPC thanked him for his work on the Council.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm.

2. YOUTH COORDINATOR.

JOS announced that the person who had been offered the job had decided to take up another appointment nearer home. He would start recruiting again after Christmas

3. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3.1 Visit of Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark

Archbishop McDonald and Katharina Müller (Secretary to the Diocesan Interfaith Group) would be visiting Reading on Monday 5 March. JN said that a suitable programme needed to be arranged perhaps with a view to exploring how Catholics interact with other faiths. (Sessions with sixth-formers at Blessed Hugh Faringdon could be a feature.)

3.2 Musical events.

George read a letter from Simon Hall regarding the proposed entertainment evening on 10 March. The PC agreed that such an event should be supported but questioned the date proposed, a week before St Patrick's night. They suggested alternative dates that would allow more time between events; St George's day (23 April) and the Queen's jubilee were suggested.

[SECRETARY'S NOTE. I spoke to Simon who told me that most musicians were booked up on 17 March but that he had been able to enlist the services of an experienced organizer of such entertainments whose only free Saturday around that time was 10 March. He asked for the following message to be circulated to the PC.

"A review has been made and there are now plans to stage a Ceilidh Night & Barn Dance on Saturday 10th March 2012. The venue remains unchanged (St Joseph's Parish Hall).

A small organizing group will meet in January."

(a fuller version is attached as an annex to these minutes with a request that it be circulated to those with musical talents in the Pastoral Area.)

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8.30 followed by refreshments courtesy of St James Parish