

St. Quivox PPC
Minutes 23rd May 2011

Opening Prayer

Present: Canon McSorley, G. Jaconelli, S. Campbell, M. McCann

Apologies: E. Mulhearn, C. and J. McGiveron

Minutes: Proposed – Canon McSorley Seconded – M. McCann

Matters Arising: 1) With the installation of a new electric cooker (four rings, oven and fan) in the hall kitchen, cooking facilities have been upgraded to the minimum. The previous cooker has been sold. 2) The program for Eucharistic Ministers was presented during Lent by Fr. Jerry, Smithstone House, and was very well received. 3) The Lent Extra booklets were used by the small groups which met during Lent.

Correspondence: 1) An email from J. McGiveron re the parish website was received. The website has been re-built and upgraded. In the past 12 months, the site has been visited 921 times, with hits from 16 countries/territories throughout the world.

2) A letter was received from Mr. A. Yule of Queen Margaret Academy re the 2011 Prizegiving sponsorship. The parish has donated £100, as usual, for the prizegiving which will take place the 16th June at 7PM. Canon will not be able to be present but a parish representative would be welcome to attend.

Pastoral: 1) Our Easter celebrations have recently concluded and attendance at all the services, on the whole, was as good as or even better than last year. 2) Sunday 22nd May saw the completion of the First Communion and Confirmation family celebrations in the parish for 15 children. Sunday is the proper day for such celebrations. A Mass of Thanksgiving for the whole class will be held on Saturday, 11th June at 10AM. 3) From the first Sunday of Advent this year, some changes in the Mass will be officially introduced across the English-speaking world and beyond:-- changes in responses, the Gloria, the Creed and in the Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. These changes reflect a more faithful translation of the original Latin text of the Mass. New altar missals and some new music will be required. The changes will be challenging but are an opportunity for instruction and reflection on the meaning of the celebration and theology of the Mass. To assist everyone, cards will be printed with the changes and there will also be notes added in the backs of the hymn books. The Parish will begin introducing the changes from the first Sunday of September so that full implementation should go smoothly at the beginning of Advent. Information is available on the internet site: romanmissalscotland.org.uk

Keeping Children Safe: The annual audit has been completed and sent off. New instructions are coming from the Vatican re guidelines.

Social/Fundraising: A mini-Summer Fete will be held the 9th July from 10:30-1PM with the usual stalls. Included this year will be a 'Car Boot Sale' in the car park.

Presentation: Mrs. McCrossan officially retires from teaching on the 5th June. She will receive a special invitation to the school Mass on Ascension Thursday in St. Quivox. The parish will recognise her contribution to our Church community during her 11 years as Head Teacher of our parish school of St. Ninian's, by presenting her with a floral gift and a framed Papal Blessing Scroll with our good wishes for health and happiness in retirement.

Financial: 1) After major expenditures, the money in the bank account is now showing an increase. 2) The south (St. Quivox Road) wall of the church is deteriorating and internal cladding may be required.

Priest's Report: 1) The Bishop celebrates his Golden Jubilee the 9th June 2011. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at Bishop's House involving the priests of the Diocese. 2) The Christian Aid Fun Day raised in excess of £1000. 3) This month

saw the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Canon Philip Noble, 26 years incumbent at St. Ninian's Episcopal Church in Prestwick. The Parish of St. Quivox extends very best wishes to the Rev. Dr. Canon and his wife Ros for a happy and healthy retirement.

AOCB: The Prestwick Council of Churches met in January to discuss Lenten activities. Holy Week services were held at St. Nicholas this year. The next meeting in September will see the appointment of a new chairperson of the Council

Date of Next Meeting: TBA

Closing Prayer

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