

St. Quivox PPC

16th January 2012

Opening Prayer

Present: Canon McSorley, G. Jaconelli, J. McGiveron, C. McGiveron, F. Connelly, S. Campbell, J. Higgins, M. McCann

Apologies: none

Minutes: Proposed - S. Campbell                      Seconded - G. Jaconelli

Matters Arising: The new translation of the Liturgy can be found in its entirety on the parish website

Correspondence: 1) J. McGiveron requested that the 'Parish Website' be added to the Agenda for future meetings of the PPC. 2) Ms. Yvonne Smith has forwarded information regarding a concert to raise funds for Mary's Meals, a very worthy Scottish charity. The concert would be a two hour performance by Scottish-born international tenor Martin Aelred and guests. An email has been sent expressing our interest in holding a concert and possible dates have been proposed. Planning is in progress.

Pastoral: 1) Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated Saturday, 26th May with the Bishop conferring the Sacraments this year, so there will be no Thanksgiving Mass at a later date. The traditional breakfast and photos will follow on the day. 2) The Liturgical changes have been introduced. Though cards with the new translation are available in the Church, people are not making use of them as much as they did initially with the result that the congregation's participation is not as strong as could be hoped for. New Sunday missals may be purchased from the Repository. Daily missals are not yet available. At some future date, the readings used for Mass will be changing. 3) The appointment of the new Head Teacher at St. Ninian's Primary, Mrs. McGhee, has been well received. 4) Stephanie Swan, a former pupil, has been appointed to the teaching staff of St. Ninian's. Our best wishes to them and to all the staff.

Keeping Children Safe: Shirley Hughes and Angela Taylor will now be sharing the responsibility of monitoring all aspects of Keeping Children Safe issues.

Social/Fundraising: 1)The Christmas Fayre raised the excellent sum of £2000. Thanks to all who organized the event, the helpers on the day and all who attended and enjoyed themselves, helping to make it a grand day. 2)There was no St. Andrew's dance as no one was prepared to organize the event last year. 3)A St. Patrick's dinner/dance has been suggested for Friday, 16th March. 004) 30th June or 7th July have been suggested as possible dates for a Summer Fete. 5) Possible dates have been obtained for a concert to raise funds for Mary's Meals. This would be a largely classical performance by Martin Aelred and guests.

Financial: 1)No action has been taken to date regarding improvement to the south wall of the church. 2) There are currently £ 62,500 in assets available with liabilities/expenses of £ 1500 plus ongoing expenses.

Priest's Report: Canon McSorley will be 75 on 1st March and Canon Law requires that he offer his resignation to the Bishop. He has done so and is waiting on feedback.

AOCB: 1) 29th January is Homelessness Sunday. Fundraising for this event in the Hall after 10.00am Mass with tea (£1) and a raffle. 2) John McGiveron, presenting a report on the Parish website stated that "St. Quivox is now truly worldwide and--visited on a regular basis from countries all over the world-" See attached Report.

Date of Next Meeting: TBA

Closing Prayer

## AGENDA

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Since I last reported on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that from the launch of the website on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 we had achieved 500hits ...

I can now report that from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 up to the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 we have had a total of 1,874 hits. (this is the calculation undertaken by the Tracking Programme that I have set up to monitor visitors to our website)

St. Quivox is now truly world wide and we are visited on a regular basis from countries all over the world:

Other than the United Kingdom and Ireland

The United States of America

Canada

Most of Europe including Greece and Malta

Russia

Caribbean

South America

Australia

New Zealand

Malaysia

And The United Arab Emirates

I created an 8<sup>th</sup> page for Easter, but unfortunately I don't have any statistics for that as I didn't monitor it at the time.

However, the Creation of an 8<sup>th</sup> Page for Advent, Christmas and New Year Mass Times from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 until 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was visited 318 times. In fact it was only up less than 24hrs before it was hit in excess of 6 times.

### **Emails Received**

From 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to date we have received, via the Website, a total of 41 credible messages requiring a reply

For Example:

Various requests to hire the hall. (Functions and Groups etc ... Scottish Marriage Care being one)

Mrs Atkinson from Eagle River Alaska requesting a record of Baptism for a Jeannie Weber born Prestwick 1957, and Baptised in this Parish.

Eileen Capaldi whose brother in law Kenneth Duggan painted the reproduction Christ of St John of the Cross had died. Kenneth was an atheist, and the painting was dedicated to his two brothers who had died aged 17yrs and 24yrs respectively.

All messages are forwarded to their respective people to deal with them.

In addition there is still an archive of Bulletins (5) and you can also access the readings for the following Sunday.

Prior to the instigation of the new liturgy, that was also put on the website, as was the liturgy of Christmas and the Celebration of the Old and New Years.