

**Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and
St. Peter the Apostle – Waterlooville**

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PARISH REPORT JUNE 2012



Introduction by Fr. Kevin

This is our first 'Report to the Parish' since November 2009! I made the decision then not to have another meeting until we were well 'embedded' into the new church and that time, I believe, has now come.

You don't need me to tell you the huge changes that have taken place in the parish since 2009! So my purpose with this report is to offer here a general reflection on all that has happened in our community since then and to look forward with hope to the future.

Most certainly we are beginning to see, with our new church and parish centre, some of the possibilities that are already taking place. The integration of the former 9.30am and 11.00am Sunday Masses has worked well and I am very grateful to everybody for enabling this smooth transition to take place.

The numbers attending Sunday Mass has risen and our Children's Liturgy group continues to thrive. Now that our ability to have tea and coffee after Mass is possible this has added a new dimension to Sunday mornings. Indeed, the new Parish Centre, as we hear from the report on the Centre, has enabled our parish social life to prosper and is of immense pastoral value to our whole community.

Our new Church has already enabled us to host both ecumenical and Pastoral Area events, which just would not have been possible in the past.

Indeed, the Havant Pastoral Area is continuing to foster closer working relationships with our neighbouring Catholic Parishes. As you already know, Fr. Paul Leonard at Leigh Park and myself will be assisting Hayling Island Parish with the celebration of Sunday Masses from September. This will require a change of our Parish Mass times from 10.00am to 10.30am. Such a necessity high lights the need for us all to pray for more vocations to the priesthood!

Building on our achievements thus far must continue to be our priority. I am please that our ecumenical relations have continued to grow and that our contacts both with St Peter's Primary School and Oaklands Secondary School have developed.

Personally I would like to thank everybody for their continued support for my ministry at Waterlooville.

Fr. Kevin

PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2011

- **Baptisms 41**
- **Children making their first Holy Communion 38**
- **Young People Confirmed 21**
- **Adults received into the Catholic Church 12**
- **Marriages 2**
- **Funerals 21**

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC).

The Parish Pastoral Council is an integral and vital part of our Parish. Its primary function is to assist the Parish Priest in making decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.

I took over from our previous Chairman, Cyril Brown in January 2012 with slight trepidation, as I was aware of the serious role of the PPC, having been member for a number of years, however the support of Father Kevin and the other members of the PPC have cemented my belief that as Catholics we all share the same vision and are called to support our Parish Priest in our work.

I would like to give a special mention to Cyril Brown and a heartfelt thank you from all of the PPC for all the hard work and dedication he has shown this Parish for so many years. We could not have accomplished such a wonderful project of building our new church without Cyrils' tireless efforts.

They say behind a great man is an even greater woman, and I would also like to mention Cyril's wife, Mary, for her support of Cyril and of the Parish too.

What does the Parish Council actually 'do'?

The Pastoral Council is a collaborative structure which exists to ensure that we focus on our primary function as Christians: the continuation of

the mission of Jesus Christ in our time and place. One question is at the heart of the work of every Pastoral Council: where and how is God calling us as a Catholic community?

To answer this question, the Pastoral Council will:

- Search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the Parish
- Encourage and support the good work of existing groups in the parish
- Evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church
- Set long term and short term pastoral goals for the parish
- Provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
- Develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society

All of the above investigations, evaluations and proposals are reached in collaboration with the Parish Priest, but he has the ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding the overall mission for our church.

The PPC has also seen a number of changes this last year with some members deciding it was time to ‘retire’ as well as new members joining us.

I would like to personally thank Elizabeth White, Maureen Anglaret and Cyril Brown for all their dedication, hard work and help in the PPC over the past many years

Our Parish Pastoral Council:

Richard Barclay

John McCormack

Sr. Margaret

Christine Hartridge

Craig Read

Joy Hastilow

Kirsty Jones

Should you wish to know more about the PPC or be interested in this role, we would welcome enquiries from any members of the Parish.

Where are we at now?

What an amazing year we have had. We have now been in our new Church and Parish Centre for nearly 12 months. I can hardly believe that the inauguration of our new church was on the 1st of July 2011.

As with all new buildings there have been a number of ‘teething problems’, some were to be expected as with all new buildings but most have now been corrected.

The whole parish has benefited from the new church building:

- Greater capacity to hold one Sunday morning Mass along with One Mass Sunday and other events such as our recent Queens Jubilee Ecumenical Service.
- Fundraising parish events such as Irish Ceilidh dances & suppers, ‘Call my Wine bluff’ evenings and the Christmas Fayre to name just a few.
- Use of the church rooms for social events including coffee’s and teas after Sunday morning Mass is helping cement friendships and is an opportunity for parishioners to meet in an informal way.
- Commercial opportunities from hiring out the Parish hall to generate much needed income to support the Parish
- Meeting rooms for our many Liturgical groups

If you have any questions arising from this report or any general questions about the Parish, please contact me via the Presbytery.

Richard Barclay
Chair PPC

And finally, yet again,.....

Many, many, thanks to everyone who helps to keep this Parish running and moving forward as a witness to Christ’s presence in the Waterlooville area. Our final thanks go to Father Kevin for his continuous pastoral care of us all.

Notes on the accounts for year ending 31 August 2011

This financial year was particularly complex, as a number of transactions relating to the new Church and parish facilities had to be accounted for through the parish account. However, when all these exceptional items were set aside, the ordinary parish accounts showed another relatively modest deficit of £3550 for the year.

Whilst in recent years, the parish has had small, manageable deficits; it is important that now we have our own facilities, that the ordinary income and expenditure should at least be in balance, if not in surplus.

The balance of the parish loan account at 31 August 2011 was £3,623,355. However, it cannot be emphasised enough that this does not, of course, reflect the true debt that the parish has outstanding.

1. The balance includes the vast majority of the expenditure on the new facilities, but not the retentive, pending the end of the contract period.
2. The balance includes the cost of the temporary presbytery, 140 Stakes Hill Road, before its subsequent sale.
3. The balance does not include the diocesan contribution, which will be in excess of £2 million.

The parish debt position is likely to be crystallised by the end of 2012, when we will know the exact sum to be repaid. It is estimated that this is likely to be approximately £1.1 million. Over the course of the next five years, the 'Living our Faith' monies due to the parish, is likely to produce in excess of £0.5 million – which together with parish resources on the new development account of over £100,000 will reduce the debt to £0.5 million. The first transfer of 'Living our Faith' monies of £188,000 has in fact been received.

The new facilities have made a good start towards generating additional income for the parish. However, it will not be until the end of the current financial year, that we will have a clear picture of the full benefits and costs of having our own Church and associated facilities.

Mike Barratt, Parish Accountant

Summary of Sacred Heart Parish Accounts 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011

| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>2009/10</u> | | <u>2010/11</u> |
| £59452 | OFFERTORIES | £53718 |
| £2085 | INCOME TAX REBATE | £20511 |
| | <u>OTHER CHURCH RELATED</u> | |
| £9166 | INCOME | £7590 |
| £186 | INTEREST | £114 |
| - | OTHER INCOME | £8077 |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | | |
| £70889 | | £90010 |

| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
|--|---|----------------|
| <u>2009/10</u> | | <u>2010/11</u> |
| £13552 | CLERGY (Incl. Housekeeping) | £12943 |
| £21348 | STAFF | £24323 |
| | <u>PREBYTERY (Incl. Council Tax & Office)</u> | |
| £11822 | EXPENSES | £13762 |
| £9000 | CHURCH UPKEEP | £13543 |
| £16987 | DIOCESAN LEVEY | £17459 |
| £1177 | INSURANCE | £1178 |
| £7801 | PARISH EXPENSES | £10352 |
| <u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| 81687 | | £93560 |

Deficit: Ordinary expenditure to income 2009/10 £10798

2010/11 £3550

CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Well it's been nearly a year since we moved into our new church (July 1st is the anniversary) and having got used to the new superb facilities, the Parish Centre, the light airy church itself, the useful narthex, the modern toilets, offices etc.

However, this all has to be paid for, and modernity and a warm building in Winter necessitates extra running costs that has to be borne by the community and, whilst the weekly collections are a base, extra money has to be raised to keep Parish accounts in the black: hence our church has a fundraising committee.

We are trying to run functions that appeal to all – whether dances or quizzes or car boot sales 'et al' and that is where you the Parishioners come in: we need more of your support – your money, but to do that we want you to enjoy us taking it off you (!) by joining in the fun events we put on and becoming more of an active member of the church community in the process! We can see each other as we worship and sing together so, what better way to get to know each other more intimately than come to a quiz or a dance?

The facts & figures.

To date this calendar year, we have raised £1650 which is commendable in these difficult financial times and, we hope over the summer with the Barn Dance and 3 more car boot sales + some other events, to boost this by another £2000-2500. Adding in the well supported Christmas Draw & Fair organized by Elizabeth White, by the end of the year the projected total is circa £6550.

We're putting on more events to vary our 'entertainment offering' but we do need more volunteers on the committee and helpers on the day and of course YOUR support as parishioners.

To try and find out what appeals to you and to help us put on the right events we are conducting a survey via a questionnaire that will be distributed after Mass in the near future. Take one please and fill it out.

So, let's hear from you and come along to a 'do' either a dance or a 'Call my wine bluff' or any other entertainment evening. You might be pleasantly surprised to find out that, that solemn person in church is a brilliant dancer or has a fund of corny jokes to tell over the 'Ploughman's supper!

In any event we want you to have fun, make new friends within our church and help us raise funds.

Geoff Hartridge.
Chairman.

PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Parish Centre Management Committee was established in October 2010 with the objective of drawing up an Operating Policy to cover all aspects of the running of the Parish Centre. Thereafter the Committee was to become responsible for implementing the Policy once agreed by the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Centre functions as a venue for Parish Activities and groups, fundraising and a meeting point for local Community Organisations. It is managed by a volunteer Management Centre Committee and since March by a part time Centre Manager (Mrs Nina McCormack). The original brief from the PPC was that the Centre should progress slowly

towards its ultimate aim of generating income for the Parish; however it became apparent from the 2011-12 Parish Business Plan that it would be necessary for the Centre to raise in the region of £30k per annum.

The Management Committee is committed to balancing the needs of the Parish with the need to generate income from the Centre. It is an important resource having a valuable commercial potential which means it cannot be solely devoted to the pastoral and social needs of the Parish.

During 2011-12, in association with the Diocese, the Committee drew up documentation to be used for all hirers of the Centre and continues to oversee the smooth administrative running of the Centre.

Highlights of 2011-12

The obvious highlight to the first year of the Parish Centre was the part it played in the Dedication Mass and it continues to provide a welcome meeting place for many of the Parish Groups. The children have a lovely environment for their liturgy and the Centre is a popular place for a coffee or tea after mass. The Centre has been used for a number of varied and enjoyable fundraising events and we were proud that in October, The Mayor and Mayoress of Havant chose the Parish Centre for one of their well attended Coffee Mornings.

Hirers of the Centre

As well as a number of private hiring's of the Centre for the celebration of various family events and occasions, the Centre has welcomed a number of organisations which make regular and ongoing bookings of the Centre. These include amongst others:

The Waterlooville U3A, both its main meetings and various special interest groups

Maltese Movement

Exercise classes including a cardiac rehab group, pilates and yoga

Senior citizen organisations
GP practice managers/management team administrators/GP advisory groups
Catechism sessions for the Indian Malayalee Community
Cancer support groups
Baby sensory group
Petersfield Hospital
Self help groups
Amateur dramatic groups
Watercolour classes
Public consultations

Acquisitions

The Centre was built and equipped to a very high specification. In addition there have been important acquisitions made to ensure the marketability of the Centre. A very generous gift of matching crockery, cutlery and glassware was donated by a parishioner and a projector was purchased.

Challenges for the future

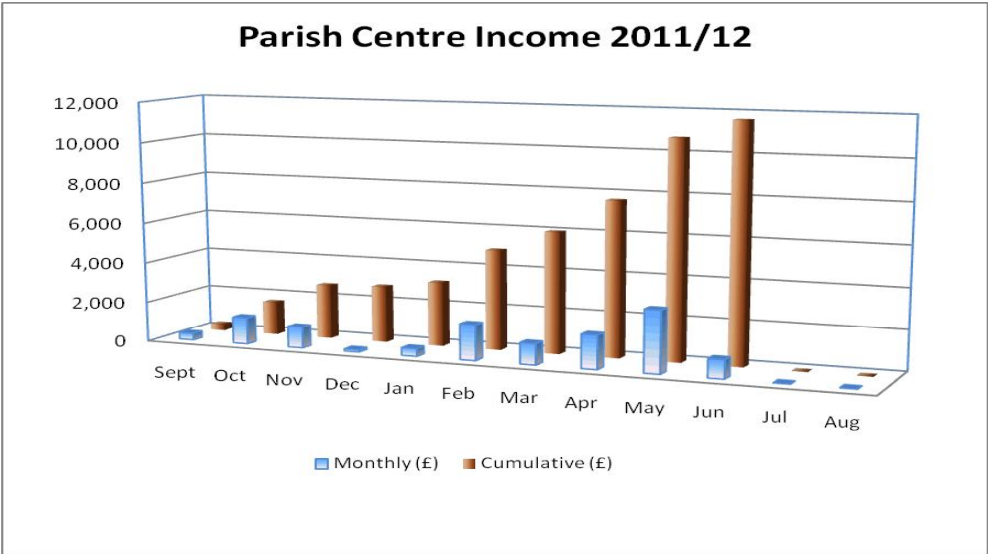
The Parish Centre Management Committee continues to see balancing the needs of the Parish with the need to generate income as one of its foremost challenges. One of the main marketing aims is to increase the visibility of the Centre within the local community. It is also essential for future use of the Centre that the current very high standard of the Centre, its equipment and its cleanliness be maintained to the highest standard.

A high percentage of the Committee's time has been taken up with discussions on the housekeeping and fabric of the Centre, especially when earlier in the year the Centre had to be closed in order to completely replace the floor. It is to be hoped that once the snagging is

completed and now that we have a Centre Manager, this will be greatly reduced.

The Centre is used for a large part of each day and some evenings and the Committee would welcome volunteers to assist with locking and unlocking of the building in the afternoons and evenings. Half an hour a week on a regular basis may be all that is required by someone but it would be greatly appreciated as the onus of this tasks falls on a very small number of people

The Committee is very pleased that the majority of the bookings come from regular ongoing activities. Our current ongoing annual bookings will generate in excess of £18,000. This greatly reduces the administrative costs and also enables real relationships to be built up with groups. The majority of hirers appreciate the excellent quality of the Centre and its facilities and respect the fact that the Centre is part of the Church.



Lesley Schofield, Chair of Parish Centre Management Committee

The parish SVP group, or Conference to give it the correct name, is now in its third year. Currently there are ten full-time members and two associate members, the latter two having more of a stand-by role and step in when needed.

The role of the SVP Conference is to provide immediate practical assistance, advice and support for individuals, couples and families in need. Conference members tend to work in pairs and over the past year have completed a variety of tasks including the following:

- Regular visiting of individuals and couples at home, in residential care or nursing homes

- Taking communion to those who wish to receive the sacrament

- Visiting individuals in hospitals

- Providing transport (where feasible) to and from mass

- Acting as facilitators (often through specialist Conference member who is involved with the CAB) in terms of legal, financial and other matters

- Providing life skills sessions for individuals with special needs

- Providing emergency limited funding for individuals in exceptional financial difficulty.

The church SVP Conference is linked closely to the District Council and national body and meets once every two months in the new church centre where the main agenda item centres around the various cases taken on by conference members. The caseload of the Conference has significantly increased over the past year therefore any additional support from individuals or couples within the parish would be welcomed. Should anyone be interested and would like to chat about the type of work covered by the Conference they are invited to contact

either MARTIN LEWIS 92796265 (Chair) or MARION BINKS 92262912 (Secretary).

In conclusion the Conference wishes to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of parishioners when a request was made for funds through a second collection last year. This additional funding has greatly assisting the Conference in providing vital funds for several individuals who found have themselves in a desperate financial position. It has also enabled the Conference to provide food for those in need.

Martin Lewis, Chair of SVP

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) GROUP

In the parish of Sacred Heart & St Peter the Apostle the members of The Union of Catholic Mothers meet on alternative Wednesday afternoons except during August and Christmas holiday period. We have 19 members and between 12-15 members attend regularly. The UCM is a prayerful organisation and prayers are said at every meeting for the sick, both members and their families and parishioners and also for these recently deceased. As one of the aims of The UCM is to foster vocations, prayers are also offered for vocations to the priesthood.

There is also UCM at Diocesan and National levels and members are encouraged to participate in all events and meetings at all levels. There are annual Study/Welfare Days and in March a Study Day was held on the Theology of the Body - Pope John Paul's teaching on relationships - a most inspiring topic which we hope to be able to bring to the parish at a later date. Twice a year, in Advent and Lent we have a day of Prayer and Reflection - usually led by Fr Kevin to which parishioners and members from other Foundations in the Portsmouth Area are invited.

Last month Diocesan members enjoyed a quiet day of Prayer and Reflection at Wisdom House Romsey. We join with women from neighbouring Christian churches for social events and anniversaries and take an active part in the annual Women's World Day of Prayer

Members are involved in all the various ministries in the parish as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and choir members, and the Justice & Peace Group. They help raise funds for the parish and a number of charities including Cafod, and the Medaille Trust which helps integrate victims of Human Trafficking. Some members travelled to London to attend the 50th Anniversary Mass of Cafod in Westminster Cathedral in January.

We occasionally have outside speakers on a number of topics, however this is becoming something of a problem owing to the present financial situation - with few members we find it difficult to afford the rising costs of speakers but members and other parishioners sometimes come to talk about their visits to places of interest around the world

Last May our Diocesan AGM was held in Guernsey, the island being part of our diocese but whose members feel very isolated. We went Friday to Monday with the AGM on the Saturday. On Sunday we joined with the local parishioners for Mass at the church of St Joseph and St Mary in Peter Port and afterwards enjoyed a buffet lunch provided by the parish UCM members. This was followed by a coach tour around the island. Monday was a free day before we returned home on Monday evening but as this was Liberation Day, commemorating the liberating of the island from the German occupation during WW2 most members went down to St Peter Port and the sea front to watch the parade of service men, including the Ghurkhas and Chelsea Pensioners. It was decided after this visit to start a fund to enable 2 members from Guernsey to join with members on the mainland for Diocesan events.

We have a visit to a local cafe or restaurant during the summer months - we are going to The Woodpecker on Wednesday 27 June and we enjoy a Strawberries and Cream Tea in the garden of a member on our last meeting date before we break for the summer. We have a Christmas Lunch which has been enjoyed at South Downs College Restaurant in recent years. We have had Bring & Buy sales and Cake sales for various charities including The Hand in Hand Trust helping children in Peru and Havant Homestart

As you will see our activities are varied and we invite any ladies in the parish to join us especially younger women. If any younger mums are interested we realise that Wednesday afternoons is probably not a suitable time to meet but evening meetings could be arranged with members of all ages coming together for special events. So please give it some thought and if you would like more information you can contact either our president Mary Wilkinson 92 594268, Secretary: Dorothy Pople 92343591 or Treasurer: Kathleen Hicken 92266510.

If sufficient members are interested, an information meeting could be arranged for after the summer.

Mary Wilkinson

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Please complete the form below and **hand it to Richard Barclay, or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.**

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