

NORTH SHEFFIELD DEANERY MATTERS

March 2009

Welcome to the March edition of our deanery news paper. There are some important events happening in the next 6 months so please note the "Events Enclosure" at the end.

This edition is a summary of the Deanery Co-ordinating meeting we held in January when there were reports from most of the 6 Deanery theme groups.

If you are inspired to work give some time to any of these groups then ask for your parish priest for more details.

Open Forum

We are asked to consider the European Elections in May. These will use a proportional representation system. The turnout for these elections is generally low and we are encouraged to use our vote to ensure that the extremist parties do not represent us

The Diocesan Assembly Committee is asking deaneries and parishes to invite a small Committee team to come along and present their work. St Patrick's are following up this invitation.

Liturgy

The Deanery has now commissioned 200 Ministers of the Word. The Liturgy group are now looking at the way that music is used in liturgy, - "Music for God" There is an invitation to all musicians for an event on either 9th or 16th May at a venue to be confirmed. Phil Jakob will assist. The next meeting of the Deanery group is 18th March.

Pastoral Care

St Marie's hosts international meetings as well as a bereavement support.

Sacred Heart hosts a monthly bereavement support group.

St Patricks is preparing a space at the back of the church to display a photo, or the order of service, of the recently deceased as a sign of remembrance.

St Charles has produced a flier for distribution to homes on parish register to reach out to those who might have lapsed. It is also preparing information about mass times for local hotels as extra guests are expected during the 2012 Olympic Games.

Youth

Clare Lees, the Deanery Youth worker is getting herself known in the Deanery.

It was noted that not all the parishes in the Deanery are involved in the deanery youth work project. Is your parish represented?

Sacred Heart has started a friendship group for years 6, 7, and 8.

Mission

The Just Church programme is being used ecumenically throughout the Deanery in various ways such as lent courses, parish programme, and house groups. More information can be found at <http://www.justchurch.info/>



A petition was signed against the deportation of a Malawi woman.

The next meeting of the Deanery group is on the 16th March. Faith and the environment will be on the agenda.

A deanery interfaith link person is needed to develop a link with the Diocesan interfaith co-ordinator – Fr Don Stoker, and to represent the deanery at local events.

Faith

Planning is underway for a morning meeting for all Deanery Catechists on the 6th June at High Green. The idea is to allow parishes to share ideas and resources etc. Mary Dolan will attend.

The team are also planning a day on 12th Sept at St Thomas More's to celebrate Marriage and Family Life. The speaker will be Elizabeth Davies from the Bishops Conference. The Bishop will attend. There will be 4 workshops –

- understanding marriage in scripture,
- church teaching on marriage,
- home is a holy place,
- contemporary society's threats and opportunities.

The next meeting of the Deanery group is the 21st March, 2pm at High Green.

Events Enclosure

29th March - Spinkhill quiet day
9th or 16th May – deanery event on music in liturgy
6th June – deanery catechists meeting at High Green
27th June - Deanery Lourdes Mass
12th September - a day for Marriage and Family Life at St Thomas More.

Date of next Deanery Co-ordinating meeting
30/04/2009 7.30, Sacred Heart