

Report to Parish of PPC meeting 25/02/09

As it was Ash Wednesday, the meeting started preparing for Lent with a reflection on today's Gospel. We looked at how we experience "wilderness" in our lives and who cares for us.

- The recent **Mass time change** was reviewed and it was felt that it had been well accepted, with relatively few difficulties experienced. The PPC will monitor this over the coming months.
- The Council had written to Mgr David Cappo, asking him to review the work done so far in planning for the changes which will occur on the **retirement of Mgr Swann**. Mgr Cappo replied, and seems pleased with what has been done and offered his support during this time.
- We discussed the importance of recognizing those who may be seeking more knowledge of, and contact with the Church, possibly leading to the RCIA. We all will try to be more proactive in this regard, and a couple of the subcommittees will make **the work of the RCIA** more visible in our church/school community.
- The **Stational Mass**, for all of the parishes of this region, will be celebrated by Bishop Greg O'Kelly in this church on our Patronal Feast Day, **March 19th at 7:30 pm**. We heard from the Liturgy Committee of the plans for this Mass, and the supper following it, and hope for great support from the parish on this night.
- The provision of extra **parking spaces for those with a disability** was discussed. It was decided to allocate extra spaces, next to the existing ones, and to make the space immediately in front of the western door a drop of point for those who have difficulty walking a longer distance.
- The **Tranmere Times** was a subject of discussion, with the hope that the excellent standard can be enhanced with articles from parishioners who may not have contributed previously. We encourage you all to think about it!
- Reports of the **great work being done at the school** – the huge underground tank has been installed so we all have to pray for rain, and the possibility of a new library from the recently announced Government funding – helped get the school off to an encouraging start this year
- **Police checks** are almost completed, please see Carol if you still need to fill in a form.

We ended as we had begun, with a reflection and prayer focused on the meaning of fasting in our lives