

## SAINT HUGH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

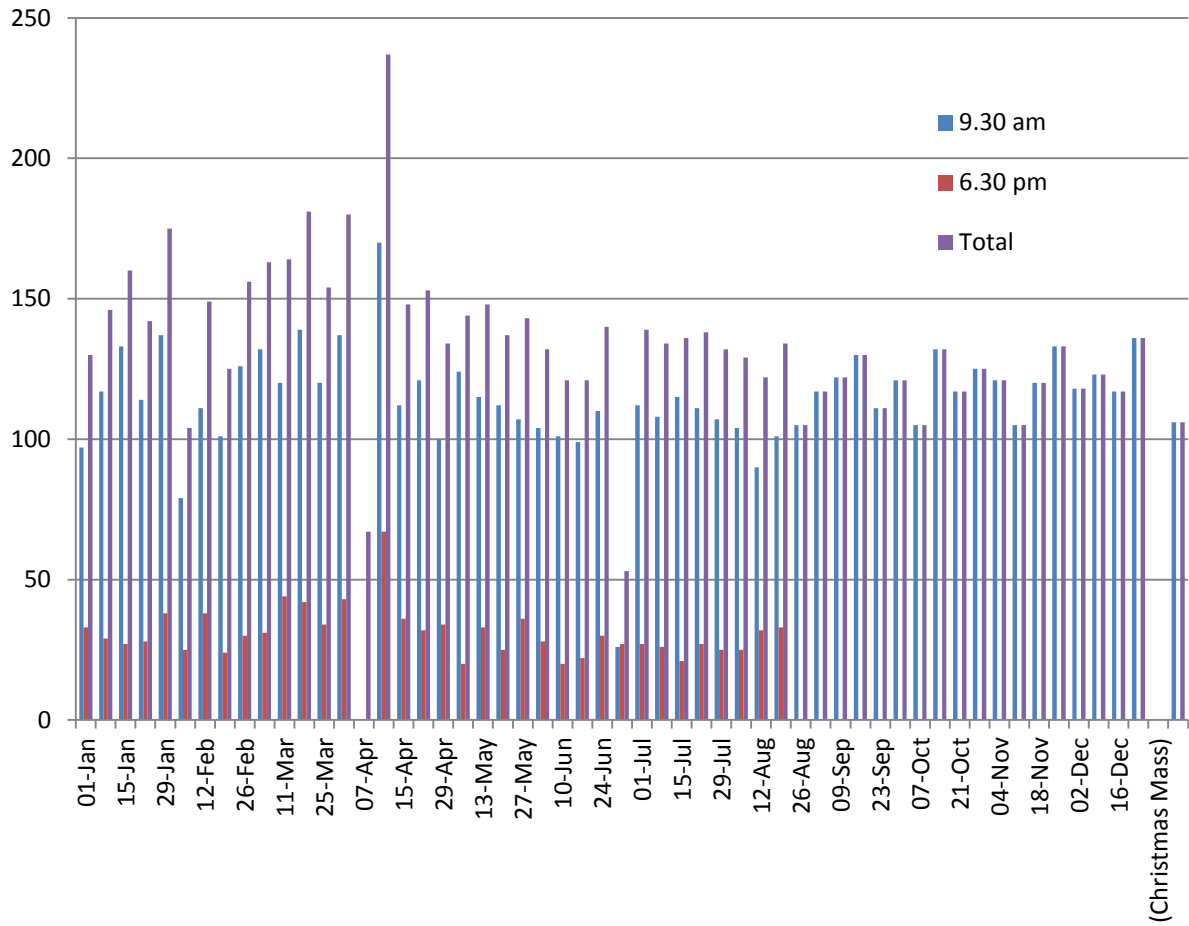
### Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Attending: Fr. Ka Fai Lee (President), John Burns (acting chairman), John Heaps. Tony Heron, Ian Chater, Mary Chater, Joe Rudski, Lisa Radford, Anne-Marie Heaps, Steve Hemsall, Ken Reeves, Tony Gregory & Terry McMenamin (secretary). Tony Gregory relinquished the role of Chairman for this meeting due to the effects of his medical treatment

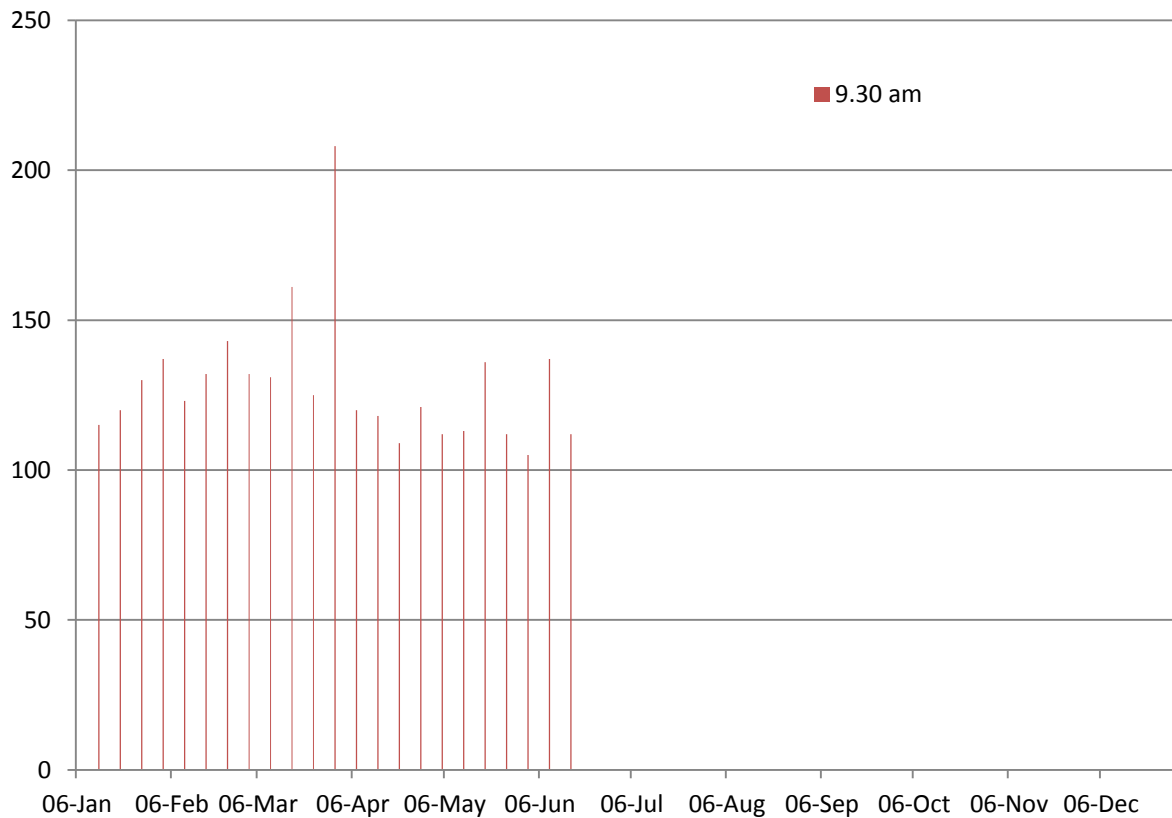
Apologies: None.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of 9th May were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising: After discussion the meeting decided to maintain the hard-copy of signed-off minutes kept in the meeting room cupboard, in parallel with the website postings.
3. Pastoral & Liturgy:
  - a) Supply during Holy Land pilgrimage: Fr. Peterkin will say Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> August. John Burns and Stephen Hemsall will arrange to collect and return him.
  - b) Mass Attendance: Terry tabled a sheet (attached) showing Mass attendance for 2012 and 2013. Average attendance this year is 128 as against 150 for the same period in 2012, when we had two Sunday Masses. After discussion it was agreed to consider ways of getting the Christian message across to adults as successfully as we have with young people
  - c) Retired Clergy: Latest figures from the Appeal team show a promising start has been made. The Parish Pastoral Council strongly supported the principle of voluntary donations based on love and concern for retired clergy. It will also give backing to any fund-raisers that parishioners may wish to organise.
  - d) Children's Liturgy: Two new families have joined the parish and their children attend the Liturgy. The group is in discussion with Angela Gillespie and Fr. Newman to arrange a retreat at the Briars. The meeting offered its full support for this initiative.
4. Buildings:
  - a) Maintenance: Electrical tests are complete. Terry will speak to Kevin to obtain all the certificates. Some minor remedial work is required.
  - b) Security: after minor vandalism, CCTV has been installed around the premises.
  - c) Projects: The fitting out of the sacristy work room and the new side door will be in August.
  - d) Bin – This is now in use. There is space in it for some of the debris currently in the compound. Members will top up the bin to clear the compound.
  - e) Presbytery outbuildings: Joe advised that the garage is sound, subject to weatherproofing and painting. The meeting accepted Joe's offer to do this, and to insulate the pipes in the outside toilet. Ian volunteered to repair the fence using timber offered by Tony, the meeting accepted the offer.
  - f) Field: Joe had a derisory offer for rent of the field and is looking at further options.
5. Finance: The Accounts for the financial year to date show a surplus of £369. However this does include the cost of the Church radiators, paid for partly by donation and the rest from revenue. Revenue from the Hall continues to grow, with projected bookings estimated as equal to £7k per year. Of course this will mean extra wear and tear and hence maintenance expenditure, but this is easily covered by extra revenue. We have £23.5k capital.
6. Any Other Business:
  - g) Ian asked for helpers for Saturday 6th July from 10 am to cut the presbytery hedges. An appeal will be published in this week's newsletter.
  - h) The scrap appeal will be added to newsletters.
  - i) The option of Wi-Fi in the Hall was discussed. As the Hall is used for physical events it was not considered worthwhile at present.
7. Next Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 7pm.

## MASS ATTENDANCE 2012-3



**2012:** Average to mid-June: 150



**2013:** Average for ytd: 128