

North Wallasey Catholic Community

The Steering Group met again on Thursday evening, and I am extremely grateful to them for helping me to come to a conclusion about how best to manage weekend Masses in the Cluster.

The responses we received were supportive, positive and understanding. Many people had concerns about the thought that one of our churches should not have Mass on a Sunday and other concerns raised were about the elderly who may need help in getting to Mass, the needs of children and young families, music ministry to name but a few.

It became apparent that the most constructive way forward, which is the least disruptive across the Parishes, was the second proposal mentioned last Sunday at the Masses.

I have, therefore, asked the Bishop to approve the following Mass times for the weekend Masses in the Cluster from the weekend 2/3 September 2006:

Saturday 6.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday 8.30am at Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday 9.45am at Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday 11.00am at English Martyrs

This structure will mean that all three churches have a Sunday morning Mass. We will be monitoring just how this new arrangement is working and it will be reviewed in the New Year.

I do realise that in making this decision, this will be a big disappointment for a number of Parishioners across the Parishes. However, from the consultation, it would seem that certainly 4 out of the 6 congregations currently celebrating Weekend Masses will be content with the new arrangement.

A second copy of the North Wallasey Catholic Community Newsletter will be available next Sunday and I will try to go into more detail about the decision and what we will be trying to put in place to address concerns about this move.

Immediately we will be trying to identify parishioners who will need help getting to Mass. We will also begin discussions as to how best to develop Children's Liturgy to make it available across the Cluster particularly to families in SSPP, and what we can do to ensure that the Music Ministry in each of the churches is supported and strengthened.

More of all this next week in the newsletter which will also be published on our Web Site at www.nwallaseyrc.org

Thank you for your help in making this decision. Please do continue to pray that we will all hear the "Still Small Voice of God" as we move forward.