

PASTORAL TEAM MEETING 1st DECEMBER 2016

Present

John Duffy
Martina Jones
Kathleen Mc Cauley
Gavin Duffy
Gemma Murphy
Sr Edel
Geraldine Meehan
Linda Woods
Seamus O'Dare
Fr Jimmy
Yvonne Burke
Marie Mc Gowan
Margaret Corrigan

Apologies

Anna Corrigan
Veronica Swift
Deirdre Leonard
Leanne Mc Govern

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Map of Parish

Yvonne said that Mickey Dolan now has this compiled. Fr. Jimmy will call a meeting early in the New Year, to arrange the distribution of the Census and Parish Newsletter.

2. Baptismal Team

No information on the training course has come back to Fr. Jimmy or the Pastoral Team. Some of those present had heard that it was good. Fr Jimmy is planning to hold a commissioning service for the new team members on Sunday 8th January - the feast day of the Baptism of Our Lord. It was decided that he should meet with the team prior to this and a meeting was arranged for Thursday December 8th at 8.30 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room (after Mass). Deirdre, Veronica (through Yvonne) and Margaret to speak to those concerned.

3. Fr. Niall's Retreat.

A number of the Pastoral team had attended and agreed that while it was very different from the usual style of retreat, it had been very interesting and made us look at Scripture from a different perspective. There was a good attendance (40+) and good participation by those present.

4. Parish Mission.

Fr. Jimmy confirmed that this will take place between Saturday 9th and Friday 15th September 2017, with the official start on Sunday 10th. The team will consist of two priests and one lady and will visit the Parish early in January to discuss what type of Mission we want.

5. Youth Ministry.

There has been a great response to this, with 58 young people from Botha and Cleenish having attended the first night in Mullaghduin. Gemma reported that from feedback she had heard, it had gone very well, but there had been some behaviour issues which probably occurred because of insufficient supervision. Helena Connolly is to bring four members of Clogher Don Oige to the next session, which takes place in Boho on Monday 5th December. Fr. Jimmy said he would speak to her before the meeting in an effort to sort out any problems. Gemma also said that the young people appreciated the refreshments provided for them.

6. Memorial Service

All feedback is extremely positive. Those present agreed that it was a very reflective, meaningful and beautiful service and was very much appreciated by the bereaved. Fr. Jimmy had also received emails to this effect. Sr. Edel suggested that in future ushers could be used to escort people to seats, as there were several empty pews at the front of the church and people standing at the back. Fr. Jimmy suggested that a Ministry of Ushers could be set up in the New Year, so that people would be available for special events.

AGENDA

The only item on the Agenda was the arrangements for Christmas Masses. The following plans were made.

Derrygonnelly: Mass at 8pm Christmas Eve

Two children to act as Mary and Joseph - Yvonne to arrange.

Family to dress the altar - Geraldine.

Two young people for Prayers of Faithful and lighting candles - Gemma.

Reflection. - Gemma

Boho: Mass at 8am.

Prayers of Faithful and lighting candles - Naomi and one other to do this (Martina)

Two children as Mary and Joseph

10 children for letters and reflection - Martina and Margaret to arrange both of these.

Monea: Mass at 10am

Prayers of Faithful and candles - Gemma to ask Maeve Jones and Aidan Mc Kenna

10 children for letters - Gavin to ask Mairead Mc Kenna to arrange.

Derrygonnelly: Mass at 11.30

Prayers of Faithful and candles - Gemma

10 children for letters - Yvonne.

There was a short discussion regarding Adoration in Monea and a few concerns were expressed, including the fact that the church can be cold, especially in the morning; that people can be noisy when entering/exiting and that attendance is dropping. Fr Jimmy suggested that the Adoration Committee should meet fairly soon to review progress. It was also agreed that there would be no Adoration on St Stephen's Day and Yvonne was asked to pass this information to Veronica for inclusion in the Bulletin.

Seamus concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a happy Christmas and invited Martina to read the final prayer. Sr Edel agreed to bring a prayer to the next meeting which will be on 12th January 2017 at 8pm.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.