

**PASTORAL TEAM MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2018**

Present: Fr Jimmy McPhillips, Seamus O'Dare, Margaret Corrigan, Sr Edel Bannon, Martina O'Neill, Pauline Dolan, Yvonne Burke, Linda Woods, Deirdre Leonard, Martina Jones, John Duffy, Geraldine Meehan, Marie McGowan.

Apologies: Anna Corrigan, Damien Flynn, Julie Anne Flynn.

The chairman, on behalf of the Pastoral Team sent his condolences to Anna McGrail on the death of her mother.

Seamus welcomed Pauline Dolan, a new member to the team.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Derrygonnelly Mass 8pm, Christmas Eve: A large crowd attended. We would have needed ushers to get more people seated. Extra seats might also be needed next Christmas. The other parish churches had a good attendance also. All of the ceremonies were beautiful. There was good participation from everyone including choirs, school children and people who cleaned and decorated. A lot of work went into making it a wonderful celebration.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Margaret was thanked for putting together the introduction of the symbols. This liturgy went down very well and was appreciated to mark the family. In Monea there are fewer families to choose from. We will monitor and support them in the future.

NB: The Consecration Prayer was a little lost in all the activity. Next year when it is being prayed, the congregation will be invited to stand following the presentation of the symbols.

## **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

All 29 new babies with their parents are invited for Mass, Blessing and Renewal of Baptismal vows will take place at the mass.

## **CHRISTIAN UNITY OF PRAYER**

Mass in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.  
Tea afterwards in Reade Hall. Support and encourage parishioners to attend.

## **AGENDA**

### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

Four or five leaders will meet on Friday night in preparation for the Children's Mass. The first Mass will be in February, then March and May. Maybe we should have a rep from the Children's Mass Committee and the Youth Ministry on the Pastoral Team.

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22ND – 25TH AUGUST**

A petition box has arrived and petitions can be placed in the box. The box will be brought to Dublin for the celebration in August. We need to keep the great event in August alive and to encourage it. How can the parish respond further in support of families? Geraldine volunteered to find out what is going on at a higher level and report back. There are two programmes of work which can be done in a cluster area.

## **JOHN PAUL II**

The new group 2017/18 will be enrolled in Monea on Saturday evening. Gemma and Gareth are involved.

## **LENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Boho: 9.30am Mass.

Derrygonnelly: 11am Mass. School children attending.

Monea: The usual Prayer Service will take place  
Derrygonnelly: 7.30pm Mass.

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

How can we highlight Lent?

Suggestion: Pray the Stations of the Cross in all three Churches on different nights.

Investigate ALPHA – Christian Education Programme. This fantastic programme gives a foundation to faith. Each meeting entails a meal, a video presentation and a discussion. More information to follow.

### **FEAST DAYS**

ST. BRIGID: February 1<sup>st</sup> ST. BLAISE: February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Both feast days will be celebrated on the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February.

Schools and Youth Club will be involved in making crosses.

To keep the tradition alive, it was suggested having a workshop on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, so others could be involved.

Crosses will be blessed and made available at all Masses.

Blessing of Throats at Masses also.

### **ANNUAL PASTORAL TEAM EVENING MEAL**

Fr Jimmy has arranged meal in Tir Navar on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm.

All members are invited. **RSVP – Fr Jimmy**

Margaret read a prayer before the meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Sr Edel will bring a prayer for the next on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8pm.