

PASTORAL TEAM MEETING.

1/2/2018

Present: Martina Jones, John Duffy, Pauline Dolan, Yvonne Burke, Veronica Swift, Deirdre Leonard, Linda Woods, Seamus O'Dare, Fr Jimmy, Sr Edel, Anna Corrigan, Julie-Ann Flynn, Damien Flynn, Margaret Corrigan.

Apologies: Martina O'Neill, Geraldine Meehan, Marie Mc Gowan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Baptism of our Lord ceremony - this was very well attended, with 24/29 present. The Baptismal Team did a lot of work to make the event special, and despite a power failure during it, the ceremony went very well.
2. Children's Mass - this will take place on Feb 4th, in Derrygonnelly. 4 parents are involved, 1 from Boho and 3 from Derrygonnelly, including teachers Resha Rasdale and Clare Mc Aloon. All the children in the parish have been invited. There will be another Children's Mass in March (in Boho) and a third is to take place in Derrygonnelly in May. Monea had not been considered because it was assumed that Sunday Mass was more suitable, but this is to be looked at again. It is also hoped that one of the parents will join the Parish Pastoral Team.
3. World Meeting of Families 22-25th August 2018 - there was a good response to the Petition Box - a few hundred petitions were received. Schoolchildren also participated in this. Geraldine Meehan carried out some research to find out if there were any activities suggested for parish involvement. All that is available to date are special commemorative cards for children making their First Communion and Confirmation this year, and also for those getting married. It would seem that parishes will have to organise their own events and Geraldine offered some suggestions of her own, such as walks to religious sites in the parish and a Parish picnic.
4. John Paul II Awards - The current group were commissioned at a recent Mass in Monea and have all received their hoodies, which should make them more visible in their roles. The awards ceremony for last year's students will take place in the Slieve Russell hotel on Friday 23rd February, where 1 Bronze and 6 Gold medals will be awarded. Gemma stressed how important it was for the young people to turn up to the ceremony and that they need to be encouraged to attend. It is planned to have a re-presentation of the medals in the parish in the near future.

LENT ARRANGEMENTS

5. Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday as follows: Boho - 9.30 am Mass; Derrygonnelly - 11am Mass (school children to attend) and after St Peregrine Mass (7.30pm); Monea Prayer Service - yet to be organised. Monica Cassidy to be contacted. Eucharistic ministers to give out the ashes in Boho and the children will assist Fr. Jimmy at the 11am; those who would normally do the oils on Wednesday night can do ashes instead.

Stations of the Cross - these take place in Monea on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm and in Boho on Thursday nights at 7.30 pm and in Derrygonnelly on Monday nights at 7.30pm.

6. ALPHA course - Margaret had attended an introductory meeting in Cleenish parish on the 31st January and presented some information to the group. It was felt that it might work if meetings were held in houses - similar to those for the Parish evaluation in 2016. Many felt that it would be particularly relevant to the 20-30 age group, but attracting them could be difficult. Another meeting is scheduled for 20th February at 7pm in Belcoo, and members were invited to attend.

FEAST DAYS

Blessing of throats will take place at all Masses this weekend (3/4 Feb) after the final blessing. 3 people are needed - one at front with Fr Jimmy and 2 at the back.

Candles will be sold outside the churches after Mass, for £1 each.

Children from the schools or the Youth Club will make St Brigid's crosses in front of the altar during Communion time. Twelve or thirteen people attended the workshop on making the traditional crosses, held on Wed night after the St Peregrine Mass, and all participants graduated!

ECO-AWARE PARISH AUDIT

A questionnaire from the Diocesan Environmental was completed by the group.

ST PEREGRINE MASS APPRAISAL

There was a discussion on various aspects of the Mass. The following was agreed - to continue to read out the list, but check the book for any names that might not be included; to place the book of names in front of the altar each night and to publish the names of the readers in the Parish Bulletin each month as a reminder to those involved.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TO SICK

For some time now, Fr Niall has been assisting Fr Jimmy with visiting the housebound of the parish. However, he is due to return to Africa shortly and so lay people are needed. As 13 people volunteered - via the Parish Census - to take Holy Communion to the sick, from now on these people will alternate with Fr Jimmy on a 2 monthly cycle.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

After some discussion re family participation in these Masses, it was decided to maintain the status quo.

Next meeting will be on 22nd February @ 8pm.

Sr Edel read the prayer and Pauline will bring a prayer for the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9.20 pm.