

## **PASTORAL TEAM MEETING: 12TH APRIL 2018**

Present: Seamus O'Dare, Martina Jones, Sr Edel Bannon, Julie Anne Flynn, Damien Flynn, Veronica Swift, Linda Woods, Geraldine Meehan, John Duffy, Gemma Murphy.

Apologies: Fr Jimmy Mc Phillips, Deirdre Leonard, Marie Mc Gowan, Martina O'Neill.

The meeting began with a prayer which Fr Jimmy had prepared.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

#### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

No further developments re walk to Carrick Graveyard.

Mass Rock in Aghanaglack is fairly easily accessible and just requires a permit from the Forestry Service.

#### **ALPHA COURSE**

A further meeting is to be held on Tuesday next, Margaret reported.

### **REVIEW OF ST PATRICK'S DAY CEREMONIES.**

All three ceremonies went well. Anna Daly danced at the Masses in Boho and Monea, but was not available for Derrygonnelly. The lack of dancers in the area was commented on.

\* Suggestion for next year from Sr Edel - that young people would do actions to the singing of The Deer's Cry, as they did for the St Faber's play some years ago.

### **REVIEW OF HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES.**

Seamus read a message from Fr Jimmy thanking Pastoral Team members for all their hard work in organising these ceremonies and added his own words of appreciation. It was agreed that people generally were very responsive when asked to participate.

#### **PALM SUNDAY.**

All agreed that the donkey, the rider and Martin himself were very effective in leading the procession and added to the solemnity of the liturgy.

In Derrygonnelly, children sang the Gospel and this went very well. It was felt that the palm branches leave a terrible Mass in the churches and shouldn't be used.

Practice for Holy Week ceremonies: this took place on Wed 28th and went well.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Lovely ceremony. Some felt the washing of the feet was more effective because fewer people were involved. There was praise also for Resha and Conal Rasdale who stepped in at the last minute as readers.

Members of Boho and Monea choirs joined with Derrygonnelly for this Mass. The only criticism was the level of noise as people left the church, while others were trying to pray.

\* Suggestion for next year - that Fr Jimmy would state quite clearly at the end of Mass that people should leave in silence.

### **GOOD FRIDAY INTER-CHURCH WALK**

This was very well-attended, with about 100 present and a good representation from the Church of Ireland. People waited for tea and stayed to chat in Sacred Heart Church after the event. There was some discussion about the lack of support for this sort of activity, especially in Monea.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**St Patrick's:** General agreement that the single, large crucifix worked better. Could have had two people wiping it - one either side.

The mime was very well done and the young people who took part in this and in the prayers of intercession etc, were praised for the manner in which they carried these out. Frank Mc Hugh's work was also acknowledged.

**Sacred Heart:** Sr Edel led a very prayerful service which finished with a beautiful and appropriate hymn. At the end, people were asked to leave the church in silence, which they did.

\* Suggestion for next year - have a small cross which can be taken down to people who have mobility problems.

## HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Julie Anne explained that she couldn't get a version of the Exultet arranged in time, as there are many variations. Next year, she will try to sort this out at an earlier stage. Some of the readers were slow in coming forward, and people in the congregation spent time searching through the booklet for the relevant readings as they were not in sequence.

\* next year - Fr Jimmy announces before each reading which one it is;

\* Readers should all be seated together at the front of the church.

People were happy with the battery candles, although it took quite a while to light them beforehand.

## DAWN MASS IN BOHO

Beautiful morning although very cold. Went well; about 250 attended and most of these went for the breakfast. The amount of work this involves for a number of ladies was discussed, with some feeling it was un-necessary and others that it gave a great sense of community. A suggestion was made that as it's a parish event, Derrygonnelly and Monea respectively, should take their turn at hosting the breakfast in Boho Hall. Margaret to take this to Boho Community Association's next meeting.

The liturgies in Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's were very well attended also, leading to a comment about the great sense of life in Botha Parish, much of which is attributable to Fr Jimmy and the Pastoral Team.

## AGENDA.

Students' Mass: This will be held on Saturday 5th May, in Monea. Will there be petition forms available beforehand?

There was a query re the Pope's visit to Ireland - will there be invitations sent out to parishes?

Date of next meeting - Thursday 3rd May.

Geraldine read a prayer and Julie Anne will bring one for the next meeting.

Seamus was complimented on his chairing of the meeting, which ended at 8.55pm