

Pastoral Team Meeting Wednesday 20th March 2019

Helena Connolly briefed us on the planned Parish Mission September 8th-13th. This will be entirely a lay led Mission. A number of possible Themes were discussed including:

Healing – life's hurts;

Family – children singing/dancing: lively;

Reconciliation;

Youth – led by young people, school visits, etc;

Justice;

Care of the Earth;

Remembering Our Dead;

Mental Health;

Balance Worklife and Faith;

Elderly family members – include all generations in a procession;

Community – groups in our Community walking from Aghalurcher to Holy Cross

Action Now:

Decide on Themes

Who wants to be involved: including being involved in the practicalities of each night

The Pastoral Team agreed on the night we wished to be the committee for the Lay-led Mission, but would each bring another person to help organise

It was suggested that two people be in charge of each night and act as contact for Helena

If each person on the Pastoral Team brought one more person to be involved this could be carried out

NEXT MEETING WITH HELENA TO BEGIN ORGANISING LAY-LED MISSION TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2019 AT 7.45PM IN PARISH CENTRE EACH MEMBER OF THE PASTORAL TEAM TO BRING AN EXTRA PERSON TO FORM COMMITTEE

Recent Liturgies: reflect on our recent Liturgies

St Patrick's Day

Positive reports

Music and dance – simple additions – meant so much to people

Very well received

When people were asked to be presented with Shamrock they were delighted

Stations of the Cross

‘beautiful’ and ‘lovely’

Very meaningful

Synonymous with Lent

Suggestion of a special noticeboard in both Churches for ‘forthcoming liturgies’

- Highlight week by week
- Print posters – refer to in bulletin

Request to increase Mass leaflets in Maguiresbridge

Courses led by Martin Donnelly for Eucharist Ministers and Readers (new and existing people)

Readers – Monday 1st April, St. Ronan’s Primary School

Eucharist Ministers – Monday 8th April, St. Ronan’s Primary School: practicalities will be discussed at this course

Ensure a common sense of what to do and everyone doing the right thing

Regarding Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, out of respect for those who have volunteered, the rota should be followed, unless family members specifically ask to change for anniversary Masses, etc.

Rota is completed until August – before finishes we will promote for new people, there are young people already wanting to be added

Upcoming

Penitential Service Weekend

All weekend Masses will be dedicated to the theme of Reconciliation

Fr Shannon will join Canon Jimmy and Canon Mullan – all three at the three weekend Masses

Opportunity for Parish to go to Confession

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday: Holy Cross: 6pm. St. Mary's: 7pm

Holy Thursday Altar of Repose: Holy Cross: 7pm-9pm. St. Mary's: 8pm-10pm

Good Friday: Holy Cross: 3pm. St. Mary's: 7pm

Holy Saturday: Holy Cross: 7pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: Holy Cross: Dawn Mass 6.30am St. Mary's: 10am. Holy Cross: 11.30am

A request was made by Canon Jimmy that any readers, etc, for the above days be made known to him in advance. Geraldine Hannigan and Maureen Flanagan John Paul II Award Co-ordinators with five young people happy to be involved

Holy Saturday Vigil is a Parish event – Maguiresbridge community to also be involved

Packs already prepared by Canon Jimmy with materials included for each day. These were presented at the meeting.

It was suggested that two or three people take responsibility for looking after a day.

Palm Sunday

Holy Cross

Palm crosses to be blessed at Parish Office at 11.20am and procession over to Chapel

11.30am Mass: Ciara Flanagan to organise drama and singers for Gospel

Vigil Mass: Christine to organise narrator and reader for other parts for Gospel reading

Prayers of Intercession

Vigil: Eimear Shannon

11.30am: Niamh Collins

St. Mary's

10am Mass: Margaret to organise narrator and reader for other parts for Gospel Reading

Prayers of Intercession

Margaret will give prayers to Bernie Traynor for reader to be organised

Holy Thursday

Holy Cross: 6pm

Led by Faith and Light

St. Mary's: 7pm

Margaret and John to speak with Canon Mullan to decide on what is included

Possibility of:

Presentation of Holy Oils: lay person to narrate
First Reader and Second Reader
Dramatisation of Gospel and Washing of Feet:
narrator and six people
Prayers of Intercession
Offertory: bread, grapes, Trocaire Offering
Communion Reflection

Alter of Repose - suggestion

First half hour: Legion of Mary and St. Joseph's
Young Priests Society
Second half hour: Eucharistic Ministers
Third half hour: Choir members
Last half hour: Readers

Good Friday

Group discussion on having only one Cross for
Veneration of the Cross

Holy Cross: 3pm

Four crosses for Veneration of the Cross: two each
side of the main Cross
Four people needed to hold crosses: will be invited up

St. Mary's: Lay-led: 7pm

Choir lament at entrance

Communion hymn
No final hymn

First Reader + Psalm
Second Reader
3 Readers for Gospel
2 Readers for Prayers of Intercession

Script supplied for Good Friday Liturgy
Ciara Flanagan: mime for Good Friday Ceremony
TBC

Four crosses for Veneration of the Cross
Four people needed to hold crosses: two people at
half-way, two people at front

*Holy Saturday: Parish Mass in Holy Cross:
Involvement of Maguiresbridge Community is very
important: 7pm Vigil*

Night lights to be given out at each door of Chapel:
suggestion that this could be school children (three
people needed)

Family dressing the Altar (mother, father, 3 children)
Two Confirmation children to walk with Priest at
blessing with Holy Water

Baptism on Holy Saturday night
Four readers: Christine + 3 others

Easter Sunday

*Parish Mass in Holy Cross: Involvement of
Maguiresbridge Community is very important*

Dawn Mass: 6.30am

Music required

One Reader and Prayers of Intercession

Practicalities:

Some chairs to be available for elderly

Christine to speak with Barry McCormick regarding
breakfast in Parish Centre following Dawn Mass (at
7.30am approximately)

Buffet style breakfast + tea and coffee

Cater for 200 people approximately

11.30am Mass

Prayers of Intercession: reader required

St. Mary's

10am Mass

All of the above create an opportunity to invite people to be involved in the Parish

Let Canon Jimmy and Canon Mullan know who is doing what in advance

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 9th APRIL AT
7.45PM**

Update at next meeting regarding Liturgy Teams
Any people coming on board for the Children's Mass, Bereavement Team, Baptism Team etc will need to go through vetting process – Brian Armitage is our Vetting Officer