

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2019

Update on Teams

Bereavement Team

Officially launched at a funeral this week - 2 members of the team involved
Family reaction was very positive. The Bereavement Team will lead the November Prayer Service on Sunday 24th November. 2 more people are required for this team

Bereavement Team have met with Canon Jimmy and agreed how they see the Team becoming more involved in the community. They will organise a public gathering on bereavement which will include guest speakers

PR/Promotions Team

All is moving forward with this team and they are working on a variety of items

Parish Mission Legacies

Canon Jimmy asked Fodhla for her thoughts following the Mission - these were sent and a follow-up meeting has been arranged

Observations from Parish Mission, September 2019

1. Hunger to deepen prayer life and to have a more meaningful relationship with God
2. Prevalence of suicide. Need for intervention, prayer and healing
3. Gift of music in the parish: great asset and gateway to other people and God
4. Opportunity to grow leaders: to encourage, equip and release parishioners to serve in their giftings. Tremendous interest and involvement shown by community
5. Openness shown by leadership of parish
6. Desire to invest in people of the parish and their faith formation

Music: Children's Choir to be set-up in St. Ronan's and St. Mary's Primary Schools
Youth choir to be set up within St. Kevin's: being organised by Paul Flynn and Karen McElroy

Faith Formation: look into courses to attend, and/or people to bring in to speak within the Parish

How had the Mission momentum been going since?

- St. Mary's: congregation not taking the Parish Mission booklets
- Suggestion made that Altar Servers will give out books before Mass
- Screens will be used in Holy Cross
- Tea at morning Mass - Paul Flynn will organise a committee to get this up and running
- Theme Masses - any further thoughts?
 - Themes in relation to time of year relative to the Church calendar

- Guest speakers
- Start in January - new theme each month

Defibrillator for both Churches in the Parish

- Defibrillator will be installed inside both Churches
- Key for box will be kept under the ambo

Training

- Resuscitation Officer at SWAH has offered to train and Rory Porteous may also be available
- To be arranged for end of November
- Training will be held in the Parish Centre (Monday and Friday not available)
- Open to all parishioners
- Training will be offered to parish GAA clubs

Commissioning of Pastoral Team

Received well by the Parish community. Brochure on our work is an ongoing project

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St. Mary's

A further note will be put in the bulletin to appeal to previous and current Eucharistic Ministers to help.

Lay-led Liturgy

Canon Jimmy and John Porteous met with Martin Donnelly and Gary Carville regarding lay-led liturgy services. Lay people to conduct liturgy services. It's not a 'one size fits all' - we will decide the needs for our Parish.

Points to Consider

1. Familiarity with textbook: 'It Is Good For Us To Be Here' - resource supplied
2. What are our Parish needs?
3. Agree priorities
4. Guiding Principles - commitment: paramount in Church going forward - getting lay people involved
5. Complete course at own pace
6. Commission Liturgy Leaders
7. Implement and Review

First Steps

- Liturgy Team include people not on this Pastoral Team

- Characteristics of people in the Team
 - confident, speak clearly, engage prayerfully, comfortable with silence, team player - more than one person, music/singing, willing to learn - tolerate mistakes, time to prepare / availability

Template for how it would run - do how we feel works best. Aghalurcher Parish

Next Meeting Thursday 28th November 2019