

Aghalurcher Pastoral Team Meeting 10th January 2019

Minutes: The meeting opened with a prayer, and in it we were reminded that we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

The idea of a Parish Pastoral Team based upon the 'People of God' model of Church was introduced, where Priests and people worked together as fellow baptised people. The good will and enthusiasm that existed within the Parish was acknowledged and the team was encouraged to tap in on this.

Much of the work of the team will initially involve planning and identifying liturgies. We will also be a listening people, listening to the needs of our young,

our elderly, our sick, all of our people, and see in what way can we be a more caring Parish, a more Gospel centred Parish.

A 6 months commitment was asked for from the team with a promised review at the end of that period.

At the monthly meetings, issues that may have come up over the month will be discussed, and liturgies carried out will be reflected upon. Anyone with an issue can bring it to the attention of the secretary to be included on the agenda.

Agreed vision for the Team

1. We aim to respond to the spiritual needs of the people of the Parish through liturgies/establishing new

**ideas/new ways of reaching out to people as a Parish
Community.**

**1. The second was to aim to involve more people within
Parish life. And to invite more of our people to take
ownership of their Church, their Parish.**

**Remembering at all times that it's our role as the
Team to get people, to invite people, and not
necessarily to do the work ourselves. We would like
in particular to see more young people invited and
involved within Parish life. That we see as an
important vision for our team.**

**2. The third aim was to communicate with all
Parishioners, through an improved bulletin, by e-
mails, by Text, through a Parish Website- Parish
Facebook Page-Parish Twitter Page and Instagram
Account.**

**3. The fourth aim/vision was to assist and collaborate
and work as part of the team.**

**4. And finally that we aim to support the Priest in his
role of leadership within the Parish**

In the months ahead we would hope to form:

1. A Baptismal Team: 12 people who 2 by 2 would visit the parents of the new born, and speak to them about the meaning of the ceremony. All training will provided.
2. A Bereavement Team established: 6 people to assist in bringing in the remains into the Church by reading and praying the decade of the rosary, by helping to prepare the funeral liturgy by bringing readings, prayers of intercession etc to the deceased's home. And making a visit

afterwards if requested. Again training will be provided.

3. A Children's Mass Team established: 4/5 times a year a Sunday Mass dedicated to the children. 6 parents. Also a team of parents set up to bring the children into the Sacristy for part of the Mass to colour and read stories etc. St. Michaels in Enniskillen does this successfully.

4. A Communication/PR Team: To promote our Parish through our Parish Website, our Facebook Page, Twitter Page and Instagram page. A photographic record of all events should also be a part of that. 6 people.

Planned Events: St. Bridget's Day. Weekend 2nd/3rd February.

At the beginning of the mass, representatives will bring a cross to the altar for blessings. All other crosses will be made available on the way into Church. All four schools, the youth club and scouts will be invited to make the crosses. A donation box towards Lourdes will be placed beside the crosses.

At the Vigil Mass in Holy Cross, a scout and youth club member will carry the cross. At the 10am in St. Mary's two of the pupils from St. Mary's will do so, and at the 11.30am Mass in Holy Cross, a representative from St. Kevin's, St. Ronan and the Bunscoil will do so. The local Legion of Mary will be invited to put on a class in making the crosses the week before St. Bridget's Day.

Two children/young people will be invited to make crosses at the front of the altar during communion time. A reflection on the life of St. Bridget will be read as a Communion Reflection.

Feast of St. Blaise: Weekend of the 9th/10th. Eucharistic Ministers of the day will do the blessing after mass.

Valantines Day: 14th February. Aileen Hicks will speak on behalf of Accord at a special mass at 7.00pm in Holy Cross.

Next Meeting: Agreement to meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7.00pm, but the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

