

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

- 1. Funeral and Covid Regulations:** No issues. Holy Cross – 30 extra seats have been purchased, as 3 are being restored at any one time. We have re-opened the gallery and have installed perspex screen for safety.

First wedding since covid that there were no issues with masks – people are getting the message. Ushers working hard and they are now identifying families and relations to sit together

- 2. Parish Mission:** Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Meeting Rooms. A note will be in the bulletin to invite people. Some attendees already named by our team. We want to try to set up a separate committee, but everyone is welcome to be part of it

Confirmed Speakers:

Sunday – Helena Connolly

Monday – Fr Brian D'Arcy

Tuesday – Shane Martin

Wednesday – Mickey Harte or Gerry Farrell (JP to confirm)

Thursday – Mickey Harte or Gerry Farrell (JP to confirm)

Friday – Agnes Lunny

- 3. Helplines with GAA Clubs:** Congratulations to Brian becoming Chair of the County Board – maybe this is an issue that can be brought to all clubs in his new role.

- 4. Cycle Against Suicide:** Prefer a face-to-face meeting – waiting for a time when this will be possible

- 5. Getting people back to Church:** Children's Sunday Mass. First Masses will take place in each Church the week ending 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. A note will be sent home from school inviting families along. Children will be involved – introduction, readings, dramatisation of the Gospel, communion reflection.

- 6. Net Ministries:** Going well, but wouldn't do the once a month again. Very successful penitential service in St. Kevin's. Held from 11am to 3pm with 10 priests in attendance. Net Ministries are going down extremely well in school – positive from pupils and staff. Good at keeping the pupils engaged and good personal skills to get people involved. A decision to bring a more permanent team in September will be needed soon.

- 7. Christmas Carol Service:** Brilliant. Great comments from people. A lot of hard work reflected during it. Can and should happen again next year. One of the highest stats since put camera in – approx. 3000 people
  
- 8. Annual Prayer Service for the Dead:** Alot of candles still left. Didn't contact families personally this year. Next year – each family get a letter. Our policy is that anyone who has a funeral mass or is buried in our parish is recorded in the book – this policy covers all.
  
- 9. Penitential Service Online:** Great job. The way forward. 3 times a year – Easter. Keeps people connected and aware of what the sacrament is about
  
- 10. Christmas Masses:** All went very well. Families tended to come to the Christmas Eve Mass. We need to take that into account in how we pray the liturgy, perhaps a more child friendly liturgy?
  
- 11. Pastoral Team Renewal:** John Bennett from Aisling Centre, Enniskillen – very willing to come and will hopefully happen face-to-face very soon
  
- 12. Any Other Business:** 3 team members retiring after their 3 year service, 3 new replacements to begin their term at the February meeting. A sincere thank you to all 3 retirees for their work as part of the team

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Parish Centre Meeting Room  
Face-to-face unless need to change closer to time