

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting Monday 3rd August 2020

Pastoral Team Role: Represents the entire Parish, all issues raised should represent the needs of the entire Parish, sectional interest can cause division, so should be avoided for the good of the team and the entire Parish Community.

The Team discussed and reflected on how we are as a Church right now, and how we might see ourselves as a Church in 6 months time. What do we foresee as the issues we might have to respond to, and how can we begin to plan for that.

90% of people not in Church anymore

How do we now connect with the virtual Church, where 90% of our pre-covid-19 Church now resides.

Many are now becoming disconnected even online. How can we now reconnect?

People who haven't been attending have not been returning for a variety of reasons and not all out of fear. Young families are growing despondent about this new world, and are also disconnecting from the Virtual Church.

We must strive to get more young families back out and get children more involved. We need to reach out and support young families. How?

- Mass for family / children / parents and families?

When School recommences

- Religion will once again be taught in schools
- More responsibility should be placed upon our parents to watch Mass with their children

Ask classes for something each Sunday?

- Feel connected
- Give a particular role

Teachers could initiate a lot of this

Letter to all parents, offering them resources

We need to get the message out there that the Church is a safe place to be. Invite them back, address their fears/issues.

Invite families in during the week to sit and pray as a family in Church

Organise a Covid Family Prayer to be published on a leaflet

Text message to parents to let them know through the schools

New Mass Schedule. Why?

- Based on feedback at diocesan level: only 10% of people back at Church
- Rota up at the end of July
- Meet mid-September (6 weeks) to review how new schedule is developing
- Numbers: no reason why vigil cannot be in St. Mary's
- Present numbers are made up mainly of anniversary families

Tickets: Going well. As long as the person is local, they can attend without a ticket. If someone wants to attend and hasn't been able to get a ticket, pass the details on via whatsapp group that they will be attending

Contact Tracing

- Daily Mass: no tickets – photo taken – necessary to do?
- Funeral? Same issue: photo but no record
- Morning Mass: recognise people
- Funeral: will recognise one or two people who will know others in attendance

Baptisms

- Sheet left in to office of all guest names
- 10 per family
- 2 Baptisms in Maguiresbridge, 4 in Lisnaskea
- Important to treat everyone the same
- Very few families bringing 10 people to Baptism

Holy Communion and Confirmation

Confirmation

- Anoint with cotton buds

- Stay in seats
- No single laying on of hands
- Small numbers: two sessions
- Teachers will take on role of readers
- No group photographs allowed

Communion

- No guidance as of yet, but probably the same as Confirmation

First Penance

- Canon Jimmy and possible one other Priest will go in to schools when they reopen

Lay-Led Liturgy

- Went very well
- Good feel about it
- Congregation receive Communion
- Publicise and encourage people to go

- State it is Lay-Led Liturgy with Communion
- Recruit more people to lead

Any Other Business

Keep ears open to how people are reacting to new Mass schedule

Looking at present statistics

Vigil in Maguiresbridge could work very easily

- 48 seats in Church
- Potential 50 seats, or over 50 when there are families

How the Peregrine Mass develops again as time goes by?

7pm Mass in St. Mary's – families may use this as their Sunday Mass

Look at the quality of the liturgy for each Mass

- Daily Mass or Friday evening Mass could be Sunday Mass for some people
- Online Church congregation

- Ensure readers turning up / good music / good songs / good sermon

Anniversary Masses could be on a Friday night or at Saturday Vigil Mass

Anniversaries have dropped over the years

Some Parishes only have anniversaries once a month: this would not work, numbers wise

Advice that door is kept open during Mass

- Helpful to keep open as much as possible
- Keep the air moving
- Weather permitting leave the door open
- Note in messenger in September as to why the doors are being kept open

Next meeting: Thursday 17th September 2020. 7.00pm. St. Ronan's Parish Centre

COMMUNICATIONS/PR COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 16th July

Present: Canon Jimmy McPhillips, Brian Armitage, James McLaughlin, Ronan Cassidy, Michael Mulligan, Claire Maguire.

Apology: Gary Fitzpatrick

Discussion took place on what could be done to continue to engage with our online community in relation to the various social media platforms.

- A facility on the web site to submit private intentions and requests.
- A Holy Hour or a similar ceremony made up of small prayers, video clips etc. submitted from our online community around the world.
- Family masses, Confirmation, First Communions, (GDPR) using different camera shots.
- Look at the Church Calendar and organise an event based on the specific theme of that time.
- Have automatic links from the webcam to live online religious events around the world e.g. Mass from the Vatican or similar, night prayer from St Michael's Enniskillen, the Rosary from Lourdes etc.
- It was noted that there are people who remain online on the webcam for long periods of time during the day e.g. the

webcam in the Church would switch automatically to the Rosary from Lourdes at 3pm each day.

Parish Social media platforms

- Ronan Cassidy and James McLaughlin the Diocesan Youth Director are undertaking the process of making the Parish web site more presentable and user friendly. Cross links with Facebook and twitter Total re-formatting of the website.
- Claire Maguire has tidied up the two Parish Facebook accounts, now there is just one and Canon Jimmy has no more requests to become a friend, all now redirected to the one Parish Facebook account. Once again there will now be a link with the Parish Twitter and Instagram account.
- We are in the process of putting together a small group of young volunteers who will look after the Parish Instagram account. They will forward on their posts to Michael Mulligan who will administer the account. Once again linked to all the Parish platforms.
- On advice from those present the Parish would not have a Tic Tok account.