

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Matters Arising

- **St Peregrine Mass** 9 people volunteered to bless with oil and hold the relic.
- **Holy Week:** Its important that in planning for next year that we look back on this year's reviews.

**Palm Sunday:** as it was the Children's Mass – lovely. Recommend that we have a procession with a donkey for 2024. St. Mary's procession will start at the car park. Holy Cross procession will start at office

**Penitential Service:** Went down very well, 105 parishioners attended. It would be good to have live music at it and perhaps invite the children to sing.

There was a suggestion that the Parish hold a Music workshop evening for all musicians in parish as a back-up for Karen and to set up a Rota to cover larger events.

Congregational singing – happening in St. Mary's, not happening in Holy Cross  
Another booklet with more choice would be helpful. Meeting to put new booklet together.

**Holy Thursday:** A fabulous experience with the Faith and Light community.  
Altar of repose to be in St. Mary's only next year, with a led Holy Hour from 8-9pm and quiet time from 9pm-10pm. Create an altar of repose – side altar to be built around the baptismal font. Create an atmosphere with lights etc.

**Good Friday 3pm:** Everyone to come up for the veneration of the cross as part of the liturgy next year, using only one cross.

**Good Friday 7pm :** Excellent Well done to Margaret for leading

**Holy Saturday:** A lot of young couples in attendance...

### **Recommendations for Next Year:**

Procession of congregation into the Church in front or behind Canon Jimmy  
Proper candle to be used – candle and holder. Light to be spread from the paschal candle, with Church in darkness. Bells to be rang during Gloria and then lights come on. Children's gifts to be given also at the vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 9am and 11am:** All ok

- **John Paul II**

Establishing relationships with the group of 15 in St. Kevin's. Already they have created a May Altar in Holy Cross Church. a talk was given by Maire on Our Lady, a decade of the Rosary was prayed and candles were lit.

Maire is also bring the group to QUB Chaplaincy for a Retreat, inviting them to be apart of the student Mass within the Parish, also to travel on the 20<sup>th</sup> May – to Knock with Faith and Light. Some are also expressing an interest in going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes –

**Altar Servers:** Meeting with P4s to re-establish the group post covid.

**May Procession and Crowing of Our Lady:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. All First Communion and Confirmation Children will be especially invited. Girls will carry basket's of petals, candles for the boys. Procession will take place from the cemetery into the Church with Our Lady's statue carried in front.

**Youth Group:** Meeting every Thursday evening, 10 girls, 6 consistent. Named their group 'The Upper Room'. Games, teaching, pizza. Making bookmarks with scripture from bible for P7s. Age range 14, 15, 17 – talking to them about John Paul II Awards

Hoping to do the 3 day pilgrimage to Lough Derg in August.

A Trip has been organised in June for parish children's choirs, they will travel to cathedral to sing for Bishop Larry.

- **Bereavement Ministry:** 6 volunteers who will be trained at diocesan level  
Pastoral Team asked for any other names

## AGENDA

**Family Fun Day: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Day of final children's Mass. First Communion and Confirmation children will be especially invited. Sub-committee from the Pastoral Team to join Brian and Paul – Marie, Maire and Anne volunteered and will set up WhatsApp group to organise to meet Brian and Paul. Two ice-cream vans this year to control the crowd. Re-position ice cream vans and coffee on the green area.

### A.O.B.

Cemetery Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 9am in St. Mary's 11am in Holy Cross

**Student Mass:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's. Candle and prayer will be distributed. Maire to involve students in readings, music, giving out candles and prayers, etc.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Good Shepard Sunday:** Contact to be made to have a lamb available at both weekend masses

**Photos of May Altar:** Note in bulletin to invite, send in via email Aghalurcher youth email

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**