

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2024

Matters Arising

- **Non National Members of the Team to be supported/facilitated and encouraged to come to the meetings.**
- **St. Peregrine Novena:** Unfortunately, the dates planned are clashing with other diocesan events which mean that we will need to postpone the Novena. Speakers have been notified and we will pick up at a later point.
- **Youth Ministry: Altar Server teams** – 26 children in parish have indicated an interest and approximately 20 parents have agreed to assist with acting as Alter Server Supervisors. 2 supervisors are required to be present at all times. The process of getting Access NI checks completed for all these parents has begun. **John Paul II** – continue to be active with attendance at the NTB Faith and Light, candle light demonstration for SWAH, street collection for the Christmas lights and two group meetings with Canon Jimmy planning for the future. The group will be undertaking readings at the Christmas masses and will in the future be providing assistance with readings at masses, collections and acting as Eucharistic Ministers and intend to assist further with community street collections over the Christmas period. Hoodies are being ordered for the group which consists of 19 students. Further thought to be given to a Commissioning ceremony for the new group. In relation to last years group a note to go into the bulletin to congratulate this group on the achievement of the award, which was presented recently in Monaghan. **P4 Sacraments** – Children from this group from St. Mary's and St. Ronan's will be bringing up the gifts at Mass in the coming the year.
- **November prayer Service:** Feedback was however extremely positive. 52 families had been involved and the personal invitations that had been issued were deemed to have been a nice touch. The lights and music had provided a lovely ambiance and the whole service was extremely well presented.

- **Advent:** The Catholic Faith series screening event began on Sunday with about 20 people attending. There are 10 sessions in total to be screened, with the intention of 4 taking place during Advent and the remainder to run next year if interest continues. Canon Jimmy noted that an excellent dramatization on the life of Christ 'The Chosen' may also be a good to screen next year.
- **Christmas:** While the JP II students are covering much of the three masses other roles are still required:
 - Feast of the Holy Family mass on the 29th December. Two families were required to assist in this.
 - **Recruitment of new team members: approaches have been made.**

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Car parking in Holy Cross Church: Has become a problem with large crowds attending regularly. The blocking of the road outside the Church has also become a problem and complaints that had been received. Concerns also about cars parking outside designated lines around the church, with the potential to obstruct an ambulance if required.

Canon Jimmy to raise with the congregation concerns at mass and put out a request for a team of car parking attendants, as the ushers could not be expected to also take on this role. If the situation along the road continues, there may a need to have additional yellow lines painted.

World Prayer Day: Ann noted that this celebration would be held on the 4th Friday in March during 2025. This multi- denominational event had rotated between the 4 churches in Lisnaskea, but due to small numbers able to take on the significant organisation of the event, it was now being hosted by just Holy Cross and the Church of England. At least 8-10 people are needed for different roles, and it was agreed that Ann would need a small committee to organise this year's event. A note to be added to the Bulletin with plans to bring the Committee together in the 2nd week of January. The event to be added to the January agenda at which time Ann can feed back if more support is needed.

Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting Thursday 9th January 2025