

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025

- **Attendance at meetings: disappointment was expressed at the poor attendance at the meeting. This encouraged a discussion around our work and what direction we were going in. There was a call echoed for a review day to assist us in these deliberations. There was also a suggestion to establish a Liturgy group to take the workload away from the team and allow us develop a newer vision.**

- **Youth Ministry – copied and pasted from Eamon’s notes**

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Altar server training has been undertaken and completed and all parents have been vetted. Servers have been commissioned and commenced serving. Rotas for servers and parents have been drawn up.

JPII young people assisted with: the World Day Of Prayer in Holy Cross

the Stations of the Cross every week and Church door collection for

Lourdes trip. Children for First Penance were assisted in their

preparations. Teaching children for Confirmation continues. Up to date

Safeguarding training has been undertaken. Fundraising meeting has

taken place with the 7 young people going to Lourdes and their parents.

Lent

Not huge crowds attending but there is attendance.

- The Chosen: attendance not good. Exposition: Going well and attendance is good. Stations of Cross: around 33 attending. Next week’s focus is the Sacramental classes so good attendance expected. PJ Boylan spoke about Adoration. All agreed he was excellent. It is going well in our Parish but could do with an injection.

Carparking

- Ongoing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

St Patrick’s Day

- All went very well. Great attendance at both Masses.

- Music, dancers all fantastic and thanks expressed to all who helped and participated.
- Baptised babies. Lots of candles left but still good attendance. Do we do another date? Perhaps around the time of Jesus' Baptism (January).

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

- Extra palms sorted for both Churches.
- PSNI have been notified about Vigil Mass in Maguiresbridge.
- Ushers to meet at 5.40pm.
- Donkey sorted for procession .
- Child taking on the role of Jesus is sorted for both Churches.
- JPll will be giving out palms at both Churches. Starting at the skip in Holy Cross.

Holy Thursday

- Spotlight needed on the altar of repose.
- White cloth for Baptismal font:
- Faith and Light have Mass sorted.

Good Friday

- Plan A – Gospel Drama in the form of a mime for both St Mary's and Holy Cross. If this isn't happening, we go with plan B.
- Plan B -
-Female Narrator and Male Narrator needed for both Churches.
- Good Friday in St Mary's: Brendan Harper is leading
-3 x Eucharistic Ministers are needed
-2 x Veneration of cross
-1 person needed for announcement/promotion of Holy Saturday.
- Crosses: 2 needed for St Mary's
3 needed for Holy Cross

Holy Saturday

JPll will be assisting.

Easter Sunday

Holy Cross: 11am - Usual Sunday Rota

St Mary's: 9am - will need:

- 1 x Reader
- 3 x Eucharistic Ministers

- Easter eggs (300) for children at the 3 Masses.
- JPll children and altar servers to give these out when children are called up to altar.

Prayer Leader

Canon Jimmy suggested a member of Pastoral Team takes on role of opening and final prayer at each meeting. Dervla agreed to take on role.

Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 1st May at 7pm in Parish Centre