

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021

Funerals: Concern was expressed that large crowds were coming into Church grounds for the arrival of remains: social distancing and masks were not been totally adhered to. **A** general note will be added to bulletin asking any organisation carrying out a guard of honour to please adhere to social distancing and for the guard of honour to be on the way to the Church instead of on the Church grounds

It is the Parish Policy that only the Immediate family is allowed in the graveyard – again, ushers are not being listened to regarding this. If this happens again we may have to use the list of 25 names when people entering the graveyard

We recognise people's need to express their sympathy but this is a dangerous time and as the Covid Committee we have led the way and have these measures in place.

Christmas Feedback

Vigil 6pm: Managed very well.

Christmas Day 9am: Beautiful. Church amazingly decorated
Lots of positive remarks made. Sense of joy at being able to be there
All Masses terrific. Smaller number – same spirit not in it. Lack of families and kids.

Going forward, no Anniversary Masses at the Christmas Masses

Holy Family Sunday: Saturday 26th Sunday 27th.

Went really well. Family involvement – gave a boost to family life

New Year's Day Evening Mass

Disappointed with turnout for start of the new year Next year make this a morning Mass – might bring out more people

Penitential Service Online

Great, lovely. Still no permission to give general absolution. A lot of people said it was great to have it. Lovely reaction from people. Big number tuned in – encouraging

With the ongoing pandemic we will have to look at the dates of the Sacraments already in the diary.

Ash Wednesday

The Pope has given permission to sprinkle ashes on peoples heads instead of the cross on the forehead.

John Paul II Awards

Roisin Conlon: recruiting – currently has 16 people to join this year
Hopefully John Paul II Awards will be a success this year and we will see much more of the 16 young people

Ideas so far for involvement:

- Weekly prayer in bulletin
- Facebook post: prayer or poem
- Decorate Church, eg, Valentine's Day
- Parish Youth Council: link in with us

A.O.B.

Parish Helpline still live: nothing coming in on it yet

St. Brigid's Day 1st February

A note is to be added to the bulletin asking people in general to make St. Brigid's Crosses. These will be blessed in the Chapel and left available to people to collect. Possibly encourage children at home to make them when they are not in school to do so

Readers will continue to attend Masses mid-week and weekends

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th February at 7.00pm