

## **Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Funerals and Covid regulation**

As the Parish Covid Committee, we need to respond when necessary. In recent times, people in the Church grounds are no longer wearing masks and not social distancing. We therefore plan to remind those on arriving into the grounds to wear masks and social distance. It is our responsibility to keep people safe while they are on Church grounds. If people can't social distance, they should be wearing a mask. A note will be put in the bulletin saying it is recommended that if people can't social distance within the Church grounds they should wear a mask. Still no guards of honour allowed into Church grounds.

### **Baptisms**

We had previously agreed to increase numbers to 10 per family. A Covid outbreak within the Parish meant the withdrawal of this decision. Decision now made to allow 10 people per family. This would mean 40 people in Lisnaskea and 20 people in Maguiresbridge.

Baptisms would now require ushers. The families will be given a booking form and contact tracing list from the office when booking the Baptism.

The changes will be made in the bulletin.

### **Mass Bookings**

Very busy initially, calmed down now  
No issues the last number of weeks

### **John Paul II Awards**

Year 13 are off now for the summer and will finish the award at the start of the next academic year. They have completed their social hours and will achieve final parish hours when back to school.

### **Monthly Penance Service**

Ready to go

## **Sacramental Resources**

Contact made with Net Ministries and with Lough Derg. They both have some resources on Confirmation

## **Parish Mission**

Ongoing discussion on this.

## **AGENDA**

### **Net Ministries**

Discussions with Net Ministries about getting young people into the parish pre-pandemic. They have come back again.

St. Kevin's College and our 3 Primary School's have come on board.

It has been agreed that a Net Team will come to the Parish in November 2020 for the month, and for a week each month after that until May. We will then review what has happened, and what future role they might play within the Parish and in Galloon Parish also.

- Team of 5 minimum (2 male and 3 females)
- Work in the Parish for 3 weeks in November and 1 week each month after until May 2022
- Working in the Secondary school and 3 primary schools
- Ministry ideas -
  - Alpha and Youth Alpha Courses
  - Junior & Senior Youth group
  - Young adult group
  - Confirmation programme (6 pre Confirmation RE classes, 1/2-day Confirmation retreat and 2 post Confirmation RE classes)
  - Parent/Guardian Confirmation evening sessions (approx. 4)
  - Wild Goose Series
  - CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) faith studies
  - Assist at Masses
  - Youth Mass
  - Have a place for youth to drop into and hang out with the team
  - Street Ministry
  - NightFever (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by invitation to light a candle)
  - Lent and Advent preparation for youth & parish

- Mens and Womens young adult groups
- Surf Sand Son (Surfing retreat weekend in Rossnowlagh)
- Retreat Days in schools
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The above list is a guide of some of the ministry that can be done within parishes. The list is not an inexhaustible list.

### **Cemetery Blessings**

Doubtful they will be happening this year. Agreement made on repeating last year's online recording for the last Sunday in July.

A Prayer Service will be put together and Holy Water Bottles will be made available on the previous week for people to come at any time that week to pray for their loved ones.

### **Cycle Against Suicide**

Mental Health has been and will be a deepening issue as we come out of Covid. Resources are just there at a government level. As a Christian community we have to try and care for one another at that more local level.

One organisation that provides training is called Cycle Against Suicide.

This organisation train's and deploys a network of 'Community Buddies' into communities across Ireland. The Community Buddy programme is peer to peer support and is centred around a structured but supportive conversation in a safe and non-judgemental space. It allows an individual to discuss how they are coping or not coping and working with the Buddy to discuss ways of moving forward to overcome the challenges.

The training to become a Community Buddy is 2 full days or four evenings currently being delivered via zoom. Community Buddies are educated on how stress and mental health problems can affect individuals. They are instructed in the skills of active listening. They will be trained in the use of a structured interview schedule to ascertain whether individuals might be experiencing significant levels of distress, and how to practically manage distressed individuals. Furthermore, they will be trained to mentor individuals to take positive resilience enhancing actions, such as positive coping. They will be trained on how to recognise more complex symptoms requiring professional interventions. They will develop skills based on the principal of motivational mentoring to encourage individuals to speak with a healthcare professional where necessary.

We would hope to roll out the initiative in Aghalurcher Parish and would be asking the team to recruit suitable people that we could gather late summer for the training.