

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025

We extended a warm welcome to our new team member Dervla.

- **Nevers Trip:** John sent links to the Pastoral Team Whatsapp and is looking into other possibilities

Youth Ministry: Many of the JP11 team are now reading and acting as Eucharistic ministries. They also helped out at the Blessing of Throats and crosses on St. Brigid's day. Great work going on. 18 students on JP II. Eamon is doing some tuition for pupils preparing for Confirmation and who are not attending Catholic education. The JP II students have received their hoodies and they will be commissioned at 11am Mass on Sunday 16th February. The altar servers are now nearing completion.

The Chosen: Not going great – 7 attendees the first week and 4 the next week. Spoken about at Mass, in the bulleting. Hard to find a night to suit everyone Those going are really enjoying it, 15-20 attended the Catholicism course – a heavier course. The Chosen is 40 minutes – a lovely presentation bringing alive the stories of the Gospel. Suggestions: Hand out flyers. Promote via the screens in Holy Cross – show a clip of the drama on screen. Ask someone who is attending to talk about it at mass. Add a clip to Facebook page

World Prayer Day: A meeting was organised for those who would like to help at the World Prayer Day but no one attended. Another meeting will be organised for the week commencing 24th February. JP II students will help out

Car parking Holy Cross: Paddy, a local parishioner took this on himself on Sunday – can we get a team to help him? See if Paddy knows anyone who would help

St. Brigid's Day / Candlemass Day / St. Blaise: All went well

AGENDA

- **Lent**

Catholicism (Bishop Barron video) – show for the 4 weeks of Lent on a Wednesday night in the Parish Centre. Stations of the Cross – take on recommendations from last year. 1 Church – St. Mary's. Music on each night
Theme nights – families, youth, sick, elderly, Mary's Way of the Cross
Children' night – possibility to get schools involved, JP II students, Confirmation classes

- **Ash Wednesday: 7am St. Mary's, 10am Holy Cros and 7pm St. Mary's.**

- **St. Patrick's Day: Vigil Mass Sunday 16th March in St. Mary's at 6.00pm. 11am Holy Cross with the blessing of all babies baptised in the previous 12 months. Musicians and dancers to be sourced.**

Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 6th March 2025