

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- **Nevers Trip:** Joe Walsh bus tours run French pilgrimage to Marian Shrine 6 – 7 days. Lourdes, Shrine to Black Madonna, Nevers, Paris, Lisieux. Runs in September - €1250 per person. Parish Pilgrimage in year of Jubilee
  - definite statement of intent
  - start at 20 places
  - start a bank in the Parish Office for people to pay off
  
- **Youth Ministry**

Massive thank you to our Youth Minister and the John Paul II students for their contributions at the Christmas Masses. To see young people on the altar is very encouraging.

16 out of 19 of the John Paul II students have become involved in Eucharistic Ministry and Reading Ministry. They are now enrolled, inducted and started on the Church rotas over Christmas

John Paul II involved in a variety of ways over Christmas

- Concern collection
- St. Ronan's PTFA
- St. Vincent's de Paul collection
- Pantomime
- Sacramental meeting with P4 and P7 parents

Positive feedback from the parents of the students involved in John Paul II

Aiming for Gold Award, and hopefully some will go for Papal awards next year

Commissioning of Team – after African trip

**Altar Servers:** Parents have volunteered and child protection checks are ongoing

P4 children – get involved in offertory processions in both Churches

- **Advent:** Series 'Catholicism' – roughly 20 attended each night 4 nights. Quite deep / academic. This will finish in lent. 'The Chosen' – drama of Gospel, start Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Parish Centre. 20+ episodes. Attractive to all age groups
- **Christmas**

**Penitential Service:** Very good. Confessions on Christmas Eve in Holy Cross – 1 person turned up. Penitential Services are working – keep encouraging

**6pm Christmas Eve:** Large crowd – good to see it. People in gallery, doorway and side isles

**12 Midnight St. Mary's:** Some feedback to change time of Mass – decision of the Team is to keep at 12 midnight next year. 90% locals in congregation. Indian Community involved in St. Mary's midnight Mass and Philopena Community involved in Holy Cross – good to see this

**11am Holy Cross:** Big turnout of families. Blessing of toys

- **Recruitment of New Team Members: New member will attend next meeting.**
- **Review of the work of the Team:** Relook at the vision and task of our team We have gone past 'doing' – our role is to reflect on the Parish, the needs of the Parish. Our team is still important / vital. Another session with John Bennett to affirm all the good that is going on
- **World Prayer Day: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** Looking for 2/3 people to help co-ordinate and help fill the 8/9 roles that will be divided out roles include readers, getting the Church ready on the evening, helping with refreshments, supporting
- **Car parking Holy Cross: Need to set up a team of car park attendants –** Recruit 2 teams of car park attendants – 1 for each Church. 2 people on duty once a month. 6 times a year. Pastoral Team to approach one person who would want to set up a team for each Church

## **AGENDA**

- **St. Brigid's Day: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**Candlemass Day: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**St. Blaise: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

All 3 to be celebrated in one weekend. Invite all 4 schools to make crosses for St. Brigid's Day. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – class to show how to make St. Brigid's crosses. Eucharistic Ministers to be asked to help with blessing of throats.

**Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025**