

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025

- **Nevers Trip:** Plan for week after Easter – people off / holiday time. Easter Sunday 2026 – 5th April. Monday to Saturday. Look at current itineraries for ideas. 1 day in Nevers
- **Youth Ministry: John Paul11...** Constant involvement in both Church and community. 7 accepted to go to Lourdes. 20 in total now in the group. Altar Servers – started practicing in Holy Cross on Tuesday, St. Mary's on Wednesday. Starting weekend of 22nd and 23rd March. 12 altogether in each Church.
- **The Chosen:** Sunday evenings. 12 to 15 people in attendance.
- **World Prayer Day:** Friday 7th March at 8pm – encourage people to attend
- **Car Parking Holy Cross: Ongoing issue.**
- **Ash Wednesday:** One of the best years in attendance to date.
- **Lent:** Catholicism – Sunday evenings. Stations of the Cross – St. Mary's - 5 themes chosen. Music each night. Encourage it, Facebook post
- **St. Patrick's Day:** dancers in both Churches: two families to receive shamrocks. Musicians to be invited. Blessing of all Babies baptised in previous year in Holy Cross – being organised by the Baptismal Team

AGENDA - Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Extra palm branches and booklets ordered for 2025. Palm Sunday is a children's Mass. Invite people to join the procession prior to Mass starting

JP II people to give out palm crosses. Donkey to be booked with Fermanagh Fun Farm for both Churches. 1 child in each Church to dress up as Jesus for procession – ask child taking part in dramatization of Gospel. PSNI to be contacted to attend this year to help with traffic at top and bottom of hill in St. Mary's. Ushers to encourage people to go up to the procession at both Churches

Penitential Service

Palm Sunday at 6pm in Holy Cross

Holy Thursday: Holy Cross – 7pm – Faith and Light organising the liturgy . St. Mary's – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 8pm to 9pm – Quiet Hour. 9pm to 10pm – Led Holy Hour

Good Friday: Possibility of dramatizing the Passion account? 3 crosses for the veneration in Holy Cross, show Passion of Christ at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Holy Saturday: Holy water bottles available to everyone on Holy Saturday

Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 3rd April 2025