

## **Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

- **Lent: Stations of the Cross.** JPll were very good. Attendance good: 20-33 each week - improvement on last year. Meaningful Stations. Suggestion to have a 15<sup>th</sup> Station – an image on the wall in the Church and commission for Lent next year? Statue / image / painting of the Resurrected Christ. Name of Station in same writing as current Stations

**Sunday night “The Chosen”:** Worth trying again

**Good Friday: Passion of the Christ film:** 14/15 in attendance

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday’s:** Went ok. After Mass for 1 hour. Repeat next year

- **Carparking at Holy Cross:** Ongoing, particularly on the Sunday of the Children’s Mass. Speak with Usher coordinator to have these Sundays covered until we recruit a proper team. Speak with local councilor ref ‘Yellow lines’ along the road.

**Palm Sunday:** St. Mary’s. Announced for people to go to the top car park for the procession, very few went. Procession very poor. **Holy Cross,** big crowd for procession. Sent up from the main door by stewards. **People** lined the sides of the path down and around the Church. **Decision:** Procession to be in Holy Cross only next year

**Holy Thursday:** Full Church, lovely. Very special event. Adoration – well attended. Very good led holy hour. Light on host – big help this year Tighten the camera to focus in on the host next year

**Good Friday:** 3pm – Holy Cross: Re-introduced crosses – 4 in total, appreciated. Mime was excellent but couldn't be seen past first 4 or 5 rows. Next year – webcam onto screens – do the same at Children's Masses. Suggestion to invite **an** adult group with speaking parts. Approach them September / October.

7pm – St. Mary's. Very good crowd. A lot of young families. Full rehearsal required next year

**Holy Saturday:** Getting people out of Church to process in was difficult. Readings – from the book – suggestion for next year, announce page number of reading. Next year, 8.00pm instead of 7.00pm so it will be darker. Holy Water bottles – very much appreciated, as was the children's eggs.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Never:** Joe Walsh Tours. Waiting on price  
Agreed dates – after Easter. Start promoting

### **AGENDA**

- **Student Mass – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Prayer card and candle. Names given to 10am congregation. Box at the back of both Churches for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May for names to be left in. Names given the following week to the 10am congregation to include them in their prayers.
- **Family Fun Day – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Children's Mass. Held at** Parish Centre. No individual sellers / stalls this year. 2 ice cream vans to be booked. Caterer to be contacted ref cakes, buns etc. Kids area also to be created. Party Bees, face painting, hula hoop. Traffic co-ordination – 3 or 4 in car park
- **Attendance at Meetings:** This has become an issue in recent times. The team has certainly evolved over its 7 years, establishing all the sub groups, lay led liturgy, baptismal team, bereavement team, children liturgy team.....and from being a doing group we

have maybe become lost for a role, and maybe even a little tired, and with some members moving on because of frustration at times at the lack of enthusiasm to do. It was felt that we needed to bring John Bennett back again and get him to lead us in a review of our work and enable us to revisit our original targets and evaluate what worked, what didn't and why. It was agreed to invite reps from sub groups not on the team, Baptismal Team and Children's Liturgy Team and Ushers.

**Next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre**