

## **Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- **Christmas Carol Service 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Beautiful. Small crowd, a lot of sickness that week. Suggestion to bring forward a week next year when there is less on in Parish. Might also help to have a few more solo singers, scripture readings and a homily. Teenagers / young adults and children as readers. More congregational singing during the service as well.

- **Penitential Service**

Very good crowd. Very meaningful. Something to grow and develop. Didn't get young families and children and yet was promoted in schools. Recommended that we hold a Penitential Service at least twice a year as we go on. It was also recommended that we put on for children so they can see what it is like, and then they might want to join a full one. The crowd reflected that this is what is wanted. Going forward, the liturgy could be led by lay group.

- **Christmas Masses**

1. Christmas Eve at 6.00pm in Holy Cross. Good crowd. Brilliant. Family Mass / family event. The way to go forward
2. Christmas Day at 9.00am in St. Mary's. Good turn out. Not getting young families in morning – just not happening – reality
3. Christmas Day at 11.00am in Holy Cross. Good crowd. For next year, consider 9.30am and 11.30am for Christmas Day

- **Covid**

Still around. Lots of flu around. If not feeling well, stay at home. Encourage people to wear a mask in Church. Suspending Sing of Peace.

- **Congregational Singing**

Booklets to be used now that Christmas is over

- **Tea after 10am Mass Wednesday or Thursday**

Leave this on hold. Lay-led cover required for Canon Jimmy's absence due to surgery – absent from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Suggestion that Maguiresbridge and Lisnaskea will come together and hold lay-led liturgies. The committee are due to meet and will decide how to go forward. Fr Pearse Mullan will cover at weekends until 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

- **Recession**

Give and take table is very full – keep an eye on it. St. Vincent de Paul – make people aware that they can donate online and it will go to a local branch

- **Commissioning of Pastoral Team**

Pastoral Team to attend both weekend Masses for commissioning on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- **AOB**

A Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator has been appointed Marie McAteer from Castlederg. Marie will start her new position on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 on a one year contract. Maire was very optimistic about plans for our Parish. This is a developing role and will include working with our young people in our schools. Canon Jimmy asked that Marie be added to the email group for our Pastoral Team as she will be attending our meetings going forward

Offertory collection is back on. Suggestion of chip and pin – would need to look at costings, etc. Not something to move forward on at the minute.

World Day of Prayer is to be hosted by Holy Cross on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
Anne is organising a meeting with the other Churches

**Date of Next Meetings:**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm in Parish Centre**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 7pm in Parish Centre**