

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- International Community: those who gave their emails at the Mass have been invited back for a meeting to discuss how might we further their welcome into the Church community.
- Palm Sunday: We have decided to run with a different idea that previously discussed. On Palm Sunday to highlight Holy Week 2024, we will have a walk from Old Aghalurcher Cemetery to the morning Mass in Holy Cross.
- Youth Ministry: A small number of invitees turned up. Another meeting of the group will take place and training to begin hopefully in January.
- John Paul II: we are planning to write to over 50 of the age group and launch a Parish group in early January.
- Bereavement Training: 2 more sessions are planned with the training then complete. 5 members from our own Parish will then begin their ministry.
- John Bennett Report: To help our parishioners negotiate difficulties in life, we plan to source qualified counsellors who will make themselves available with the Parish paying all costs.

- Information: November Prayer Service for Dead, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. The new bereavement group to organise. Letters from Heaven Postbox has been erected in both cemeteries, overall a very positive response to this idea in helping our bereaved. We hope to source a Remembrance Tree, placing the names of deceased loved ones on it or those who will be away from home at Christmas. We hope to involve more of our fellow international parishioners in our Christmas masses. Carol Service: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 with School choirs: St. Mary's and St. Ronan's, Olivia/Rhona/Tommy and the 11am Choir and St. Mary's Choir.
- Advent Prayer Initiative: If you want someone to pray for you during Advent, write a name on a piece of paper in the lead up to Advent. The weekend Advent begins – contents put into 2 baskets and parishioners invited to take a name home and pray for that person for the 4 weeks of Advent
- Lighting car park at St. Marys – electrician coming tomorrow

Date of Next Meeting:

Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm