

## Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Update on Parish Teams

#### Bereavement Team

To meet with Canon Jimmy on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September to be briefed on St. Michael's Bereavement Team set-up, and discuss the needs for our Parish of Aghalurcher. The team was Un-officially started at the Parish Mission on the night for our dead. The Bereavement Team will be leading the November Prayers Service for the Dead

#### Children's Liturgy Team

Met with Canon Jimmy on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. There will be one Children's Liturgy Mass before December in Holy Cross. There will be 6 Masses in a year

- 3 Masses in St. Mary's
- 3 Masses in Holy Cross
- Masses will not be in both Churches on different Sunday's

Children will partake in the Mass:

- Introduction
- First Reading
- Dramatization of the Gospel
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Communion Reflection
- St. Ronan's Children's Choir
- St. Mary's Children's Choir
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Parents will contact reader on the rota and choir prior to the date of the Children's Liturgy Mass

Children will be given a note from the school to take home a week prior to the date of the Mass.

'Do This in Memory' has specific dates – this will not conflict with the Children's Liturgy Masses

#### PR/Promotions Team

Photos of the walk to Aghalurcher on the opening night of the Mission should now be on the Parish Website – these have been posted on Facebook

## **Review Since Last Meeting**

### **Mass of Anointing**

There was discussion around whether the day and time of the Mass needed changed. Canon Jimmy reassured us that nearly 200 people in attendance at an Anointing of the Sick is a very good number. The decision was made to keep the day and time the same for the next time. The lunch in St. Ronan's hall went very well afterwards. Some discussion regarding disabled access at the hall – possibly add a ramp at the far door.

## **Galloon Parish Update**

- Fr. Kevin Malcolmson arrived the previous weekend
- He will be working primarily in Galloon Parish, but also in Aghalurcher
- Fr. Kevin will take up the role of Chaplain of the Irish school
- He will say Mass at 10am every Friday in Holy Cross
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Fr. King is out and about again and Canon Jimmy hopes he will return to Newtownbutler soon. The plan is Fr. King to say Mass Monday/Wednesday and Friday and Fr. Kevin to say Mass on the other days.

Canon Jimmy is hoping Fr. Kevin's position will become long-term.

## **Parish Mission**

Canon Jimmy began by extending his thanks to the Pastoral Team for all their hard work.

Follow-up to a vibrant week.

- How do we further the life of the Mission and ensure legacies?
- Fodhla is leading a day of Prayer at Clonard Monastery on 19<sup>th</sup> October – spaces available.

40 people were seen in prayer by Fodhla during the Mission – people in our Parish are in need of this.

Possibility of Fodhla being in the Parish once a month on a Saturday – to be followed up.

A lot of the focus for the prayer sessions was Mental health: bereavement and bereavement after suicide – addressing the devastation left behind.

## **How do we keep the momentum going? How do we, as a team, create legacies?**

### Hymns in Parish Booklet

- If the congregation have the words, they will sing
- Books kept from Mission
- One congregational hymn at Mass
- Require a cantor up the front

How do we launch?

- We have the books in the Holy Cross and St. Mary's
- Encourage people to take a book from the entrance of the church

When? How?

- This Sunday
- Announce before Mass starts
- Opening and final hymn would be a start

### Tea served at Morning Masses

Canon Jimmy has been speaking with Paul Flynn about making tea in the Parish Office when he is at Mass on Wednesday and Friday. Once a week for a month and then increase.

### Theme Mass

- Following on from the themes of the Mission
- 3 or 4 times a year
- Themed weekend
- As per liturgical calendar

Defibrillator for each Church

- Inside at back of Church
- Basic training
- Parish First Aid and Defibrillator Training
- John Porteous to source Defibrillator and all training (First Aid and Defibrillator)

## **AGENDA**

### Commissioning of Pastoral Team on Sunday at 11.30am Mass in Holy Cross

- Canon Jimmy will speak after Communion
- Introduce the team – invite to the Altar
- Members prayer / pledge – copies will be available on the day
- John Porteous to stand at ambo to start the pledge and we all say together
- Stand at front of Alter, facing congregation

Brochure to be prepared showing the work of the team to date

Photo, names, brief outline, vision/aims, what we have done

Suggested that we also put the names of the team members on the brochure, ie, Bereavement Team, Children's Liturgy Team, Baptism Team – Christine to send names to Canon Jimmy. Brian to send names of PR/Promotions Team

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Every Parish should have this
- St. Mary's before Mass on Friday evening: 6pm – 7pm
- Cathal and Margaret to speak with Pauline
- Asking people to spend 15 minutes in the Church during Exposition
- Sheet to be placed at back of Church for people to add names for times, etc., to ensure always someone present

### A.O.B

Pastoral Team secretary (Angela) to be informed of any issues / points of discussion prior to any of our meetings

### Eucharistic Ministers

- People seem to be dropping out – not attending as per rota and not ensuring cover is arranged
- A request will be made for people to confirm they still wish to be on the rota, and advised to ensure cover is arranged for dates they cannot attend