

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting Thursday 22nd October 2020 via Zoom

Update on Church Attendance

- Morning Masses
- Vigil St. Mary's
- Sunday Morning 11am
- Maguiresbridge on Friday night
- Peregrine Mass

Weekday – consistently attended, all going well
80 / 85% are regular attenders and know the routine
Music adds so much to weekday Mass – thanks to Karen

People not aware that visors are not ok. Suggestion that there should be a certification and inspection process for Churches – directed by the Diocese

We are doing extremely well in this Parish, but we are in danger of being too strict
There has already been a note in the bulletin regarding visors. It is not our job or the ushers' job to stop someone if they are wearing a visor, instead of a face mask. If someone comes to the Church without a face mask, they should not be allowed in.
There are some people coming to Lisnaskea because they feel safer

Vigil Mass

People are turning up without registering:

- 14 in St. Mary's last Saturday
- 24 in Holy Cross last Sunday

People to be encouraged not to come without being booked. We have a great reputation
People cannot expect to get in if they have not booked, but ushers cannot be expected to deal with this situation

If there are available seats after those booked have taken their seats in the Church then it's ok to use these. The last two Sundays the ushers explained to people that they need to book, and it was also announced at Mass so hopefully this will no longer be a problem. It will be put in the bulletin again and we can keep an eye on it. We can't be seen to be unwelcoming.

The vast majority of people are adhering to the booking process in place

Funerals

Very few in the last month or so

Signs in place throughout the grounds regarding social distancing

Ushers will be at the bottom of the cemetery

Only 25 people can attend a funeral at the moment

Only 25 people can attend a burial at the moment

Congregation Response Microphones

Waiting for technician to come back

Reaching out to Young Families

Books and DVDs available from Monday. Great resources for parents. DVDs were viewed in St. Ronan's. Can be ordered from Parish Office. If cost becomes an issue, we will look into other options, eg, paying a deposit to hire and return

Adult Resources

A library facility will be opened with books from Monsignor Cahill and Canon Mullan for people to read in the room.

Baptisms

Going very well. Only 4 people at Baptisms. More personal

Doors Open during Masses

Winter is setting in. Vulnerable age group attending Mass. Is there an alternative to keeping the doors open? It's only 20 minutes. Going to get very cold. People were encouraged to sit up the front on Tuesday and Sunday and they accepted that. If people arrive late they will be caught out and have to sit at the back

The risk is the proximity of the people beside you. Suggestion – Canon Jimmy will look into the possibility of installing a fire curtain at the door.

A screen will also be put in place at the door for when people who are not regulars have to give their names. Sometimes they stand too close to the ushers taking their details

New Mass Schedule

St. Mary's going really well. All very happy.

AGENDA

Sunday November 1st: Bishop's of Ireland have asked that at 3pm on Sunday 1st November – a liturgy in remembrance would take place for all those who have died because of Covid. Encouraging this to be an online liturgy. Resources will be provided, etc.

We decided on Sunday 29th November 2020 would be our annual remembrance for all our parishioners who have died in the last year. 40+ people have died since last November. This will be run as a virtual Mass

All the families will be contacted prior to this date so they can link in. The Bereavement Team will be contacted and arrange a Zoom meeting so they can take responsibility for this Mass

Monday 2nd November – All Souls Day. 10am: Lay Led Liturgy in Holy Cross. 7pm: Mass in Holy Cross

Advent 2020: How do we bring Advent alive within our homes?

Advent Prayers

- Every Monday and Friday at 7pm online
- Families will be encouraged to create their own Advent Wreath – we may provide resources for this
- As part of the liturgy, children will light the candle each night

Christmas: How do we celebrate Christmas with restrictions?

Vigil Mass: Holy Cross

9am Christmas Day: St. Mary's

11am Christmas Day: Holy Cross

Regulars and locals should be given priority

How do we connect with people to help them celebrate better?

- Have a crib available for families (could be given or to buy)
- Offer a tea light to every house to light in their window on Christmas Eve

Anything else we can as a Parish respond to at this given time?

Poverty

Marriage issues

Mental Health

Can we get involved?

Can we support?

Can we provide?

How can we as a caring Parish respond?

We are asked to come up with resources we can direct people to

**The next Pastoral Team Meeting will be on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7pm via
Zoom**