

Minutes from Pastoral Team Meeting on Thursday 25th April 2019

Review of Easter

Canon Jimmy began by thanking the Pastoral Team for a memorable Holy week. He spoke of how he believed it wouldn't have happened if it weren't for the team. All that was discussed happened and did so both prayerfully and efficiently.

Review of Liturgies

What worked well, how can we improve next year

Palm Sunday

We will have a donkey next year!

Gospel – no problems

St. Mary's

All very good

3rd microphone in St. Mary's should be used

Conversation around readers walking to the altar at the same time

Should they be seated on the Altar until their reading?

Should the reader come in with the Priest at the beginning of Mass?

Palm Crosses – no negativity

Possibly put in bulletin next year that people are welcome to bring their own branches if they wish

Holy Thursday

St. Mary's

Great – a lot of people involved

Music to be played during Washing of Feet

Holy Cross

Faith and Light – for next year turn banner so all can see and hold up holy oils when brought to the Altar

Confusion regarding the Holy Hour due to announcement

Some people disappointed Chapel not open until later

More people out for adoration in St. Mary's – 46 counted at a point

Holy Cross – open the Chapel until 10pm?

- 2 hours generally
- No reason why can't have Chapel open until 10pm
- Faith and Light Mass ends with a buzz – this takes away from the start of Adoration

Adoration did not work in Holy Cross

Ideas for improvement:

- Rota by area?
- Adoration from 7pm – 10pm?
- Chapel quiet at 7pm to encourage people to stay for Adoration

Altar of Repose: spotlight / more candles to give more attention

Good Friday

Holy Cross

Drama was excellent, but couldn't see drama from all areas of congregation

Ideas for Improvement:

Small platform raised out?

Screen in Church – either side of two side altars

St. Mary's

John Porteous did a magnificent job

Drama was excellent – silence from congregation after – added to the reverence of the drama and of the night itself

Resounding success

Positive comments afterwards

People watching from the livestream phoned to comment on success

Holy Saturday

Candles

- Not dark enough
- Effectiveness gone
- Do we start the Mass later?
- Tealights too small and not effective

Darkness into Light Tealights are bigger

Health and Safety / Risk Assessment: reason for tealights

When the congregation left to go outside for the blessing of the fire – couldn't hear what was being said from inside the Chapel – use a Microphone next year

Congregation coming back in being led by the Priest would create more of a procession

Blessing of Easter Baskets

- Not many of the community there
- 20 baskets
- Locals to be encouraged to attend next year
- 50 families from the Polish community
- 15 minute service

Dawn Mass

Successful – crowd amazing

400 in hall: social aspect / sense of community

Some people asked if there were donation boxes in the hall, but collection in graveyard was deemed enough

Easter Sunday

Large crowds at both 10.00am and 11.30am

In Review

First year of Pastoral Team – the Team made the Success

Our role is to create a liturgy bringing people to prayer – and that's what we did as a group

Suggestions for Improvement / Changes for Next Easter: Summary

Palm Sunday

We will have a Donkey

Readers enter in procession with the Priest

Add to bulletin that people are welcome to bring their own branches if wish

3rd microphone to be in use in St. Mary's

Holy Thursday

St Mary's

Music during Washing of Feet in dramatization of Gospel

Holy Cross

Adoration until 10pm / 11pm

Chapel quiet at 7pm to encourage people to stay for Adoration / Start Adoration later when

Chapel has quietened down

Faith and Light turn banner to face the congregation and hold up Holy Oils when bring to Altar

Rota for Adoration by area

Altar of Repose: spotlight / more candles to give more attention

Good Friday

Small platform raised out to make the Gospel dramatisation more visible in both Chapels

Screen in Chapel – Holy Cross

Holy Saturday

Tealights still to be used for Health and Safety reasons – look into same tealights used by Darkness into Light

Microphone for Priest when blessing fire outside Chapel

Priest lead the congregation back into the Chapel – more of a procession

Blessing of Easter Baskets

More encouragement for local community to join this service

Padre Pio Mass

Friday 26th April at 7.00pm

Rosary during blessing – to be led by Legion of Mary: Margaret organising

Ushers to help during blessing – John to help and arrange

Gallery to be opened for more seating

Someone to be at the bottom of the stairs to Gallery to guide crowd

Mass for Students

- Vigil Mass in Holy Cross
- Prayer cards shown to the Team – organised by Canon Jimmy: one for GCSE and one for A-Level
- Candle to be given out also

Students invited up at the end of Mass

Put names down – will be prayed for at 10am Mass

St. Kevin's: Mass on 7th May

Student Mass to be organised for 11th May in Holy Cross at Vigil Mass: Pastoral Team Members to give out candles and prayer cards

Update on Parish Teams

It was suggested that guidance for the role of each of the teams would help with gaining members: written information on what is required, etc.

Bereavement Team	6 Members
Children's Liturgy Team	6 Members
Baptism Team	4 Members
PR Parish Promotion	3 Members

Bereavement Team and Children's Liturgy Team to be met with
Canon Jimmy happy to meet all teams once full team has been recruited

Bereavement Team

2 members to do Readings and Rosary

Be available to take in remains to Chapel night before if required

Visit the family, prepare readings, etc.

Brian to contact the Bereavement Team in Newcastle and report at our next meeting

Baptism Team: 12 members needed in total

Simplest Team

Visit homes and explain ceremony / symbols, etc.

Give bottle for Holy Water to the parents

Team members will be given a pack of what to do including books and Holy Water bottle

Attend the Baptism

Canon Jimmy will meet with the Baptism Team – the hope is that they will begin their work in June 2019

Members will be commissioned

Children's Liturgy Team

Hopefully up and running in October

Plan and meet with in June / July

Children's Liturgy once a month – possibly link in with Do This in Memory Masses

All members in these Teams are carrying out a Ministry

They are representing the Parish

Training will be included: folder of all information provided

Ensure we have the right people

Specialised Ministry

Promoted through bulletin

Teams commissioned at Public Mass

As the Pastoral Team, we are asked to have more names to add to the Teams: to be added at our next meeting

NEXT MEETING OF THE PASTORAL TEAM: THURSDAY 30th MAY 2019 AT 7.00PM