

## **Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Canon Jimmy reported that the sub-committees making up our Parish Teams are working away creating their own ideas and moving forward on them as a new model of Parish evolves, a more lay centred model.

The Parish Annual Service for our Dead was very well attended and a lot of positive feedback was received particularly about the guest speaker.

### **Update on Parish Teams**

PR/Promotions Team

The three local photographers are no on board.

The John Paul II group will now assist in running the Parish Instagram account.

An Events Library is been created whereby people can submit photographs through messenger for publication.

Lisnaskea Historical Society are also coming on board.

A link on the Website to access the collected information on both cemeteries is also going to happen.

More use of the 'screen' in Holy Cross will happen when the internet connection is strengthened.

### **Parish Bereavement Team**

This Team continue to progress their Ministry. They now plan to visit the wake house and assist the family in planning the funeral mass. They will also write to all bereaved families one month after the death and offer a visit. They will also assist at the graveside with the prayers. The team need some more volunteers, and in particular more men.

### **Parish Mission Legacies**

We discussed the use of Parish Mission hymn books in both Churches. We concluded that the congregation may join in more if there was a cantor at the Altar to lead them.

We also discussed using the screen in Holy Cross to display the words of the hymns – this will be trialled on Christmas Eve.

Tea after Mass with the elderly parishioners – to be organised by Paul

### **Defibrillators in both Churches**

Defibrillators have been ordered for both Holy Cross and St. Mary's. These are ready to be delivered. John Porteous has training ready to take place once they arrive.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – St. Mary's**

This is going well every Friday evening – well attended each week and people are then staying on for Friday evening Mass. More volunteers are needed to expose the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Lay-Led Liturgy**

9 volunteers confirmed: John Porteous is to organise two training sessions for our team of volunteers. The training and modelling of this initiative will be rolled out throughout the Diocese.

### **Children's Mass**

Our first Children's Mass is arranged for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11.30am in Holy Cross Church

### **AGENDA**

Advent.....Ideas.....

Jar of pieces of straw to be in the Church. Each time a person carries out a good deed they place a piece of straw in a basket. The straw in the

basket is then used as the straw for the baby Jesus in the crib at Christmas

- Members of the congregation place a slip of paper with their first name into a basket. People in the congregation take a slip of paper and commit to praying for that person every day during Advent (idea for next year)
- Liturgy around the candle with an Advent Carol Service: idea for next year. Paul Flynn to start planning in September next year. Also look at a Christmas Carol service with hymns and reflections – could be congregational singing or led by Parish school's choirs

### **Christmas Liturgies**

Christmas Eve Mass: 6pm in Holy Cross

#### **To be Organised:**

- Family to dress the Altar – 6 people needed in total:
- Two children as Mary and Joseph to carry baby Jesus to the crib
- Two young people to pray and light a candle for the Prayers of Intercession:
- First Reader: John Paul II Awards:
- Second Reader:
- One person to read the Communion Reflection:

### **Christmas Morning: Holy Cross and St. Mary's**

Reader for each Mass:

Two young people to pray and light a candle for the Prayers of Intercession for each mass:

### **Communion Reflection**

#### **Youth Ministry**

Net Ministries are an organisation who send people from Canada/Africa/Ireland into Parishes to help develop the youth faith. Their aim is to help young people have a personal relationship with Christ, with the Church and with the Sacraments. In working with Net Ministries, we are planning for the future.

- They undergo a 3 month training course before entering a Parish
- Peer-to-peer
- Average age of our Parish is 38 and there are young families
- Team would work September – May in the Parish
- Take them on for two years – new people arrive in second year
- £40K-£50K for year: house, food, car to be provided
- After two years, the foundation is there to bring in full and part-time youth ministry leaders
- We will evaluate other areas, eg, Castlebar, Letterkenny

#### **St. Vincent de Paul**

- Push for Christmas – include in Messenger
- Let people know it's the Christmas collection
- John McCaffrey to look into asking a representative to speak at Masses in the Parish

#### **Hope Healing Growth: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

6 of the Pastoral Team will attend this day at Aisling Centre

**Next meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm: Christmas Meeting**