

## **Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

- **Parish Pilgrimage:** Poor take up – 12: not feasible. The travel agent will now put it out to country, may have to cancel. Already put out to local parishes through bulletins
- **St. Brigid's Day / Candlemas Day / St. Blaise:** St. Brigid's Crosses class – 6 in total. People were happy enough with the class. It was offered as an option for people. Siobhan also went to the school to help – grandparents, children. Plenty of crosses at the Churches, thank you to all schools for making them. Candlemas – candles sold out. St. Blaise – JPII did well. Great to give the opportunity for these ceremonies to the people and keep this all alive.
- **Youth Ministry.** 2024/2025 group – re-presentation of their awards in Holy Cross. New group – 15 commissioned. Monthly meeting. They were involved in the Blessing of the Throats, distributing ashes in Churches and some also did this in their schools, making St. Brigid's crosses. Primary school children making crosses on the altar for St. Brigid's Day Masses. IT department in St. Kevin's not able to help with our 'thought for the day' Can we look at this for another time of the year going forward?. Sept/Oct may be a less busy time for schools. John recorded audio and sent to Canon Jimmy as a trial. Prepare for Advent and get the technology right. Meal for outgoing JPII group in Erne Bistro – as a thank you to the JPI group.

5 of the students this year have been selected to travel with the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

- **Ash Wednesday.** Both Masses in St. Mary's well attended and Holy Cross too. Music at 7.00pm Mass in St. Mary's next year
- **Lent:** Encourage support for all the organized events. Monday – 'The Chosen' – show at the weekend on the screens. Encourage people as Mass to attend. Passion of Good Friday will be shown at 8.00pm after Lay-Led liturgy in St. Mary's on Good Friday. St. Mary's will be lay-led on Good Friday. Children attending practices last year – safeguarding issue if parents are not there and do not collect children at end of practice.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday evenings during Lent. JP11 students will present. The last week will be pupils from the 3 schools. Choir to be in attendance.

Booklets for lent – 120 bought in total – all sold in Holy Cross and 15 left in St. Mary's

- **St. Patrick's Day:** Readers, Eucharistic ministers, family for presentation of shamrocks, traditional music and dancers, all to be contacted for both Masses. Babies baptized in previous year to be blessed.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**