

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 22 nd August
2024

- **Collection in St. Mary's.** Moving quicker. Felt inside wooden boxes
- **St. Peregrine Novena:** Sunday 27th April 2025 to Thursday 1st May 2025. Speakers for Novena / Mission – theme of Healing possible speakers, Donna Taggart, Helena Connolly, Fr Martin Hughes, Martha Hughes, Fr. Pearse Mullin.
- **Youth Ministry:** Eamon Shannon is taking on the role of Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator. Open to suggestions. John Paul II. Connection with schools. Think about priorities, eg, Altar Servers. Preparation for Sacraments – helping / guiding parents. Pastoral Team will be there to support Eamon. Have young people involved in events, eg, Easter, Christmas – organise in Advance. Lots of opportunities to participate in the Church and in the community. Marie, Karen and Deirdre happy to support again. Eamon will attend training provided by YouthLink. If not suitable, other training can be looked into

- **Cemetery Weekend:** Bigger crowd in St. Mary's than last year. Positive response. Bereavement Team went back to asking families for graveyard prayers. Clarify with Bereavement Team not to ask bereaved families. In Holy Cross some people walked from town which helped with parking.
- **Parish Diary of Events:** Keep an eye on events recorded. Plan ahead. Priorities: 10th October – relic of St. Bernadette – overnight in Holy Cross. Bringing Lourdes to the Parish. Lourdes committee – meeting in Monaghan on Tuesday night. Relic coming to Castleblaney and Holy Cross. Brian Armitage may need extra help – liturgies and procession throughout the night

Priorities in Parish Diary of Events – pencil in dates

Blessing of school bags: 15th September

Harvest Thanksgiving: 28th and 29th September

Blessing of Pets: 6th October

International Mass: 20th October

Remembrance Sunday: 24th November (Bereavement Team)

Review notes from last year – Angela will send to Canon Jimmy.

- **Canon Joe's Funeral:** Canon Jimmy acknowledged the hard work and involvement of all. Anything that could have been done was done. Low numbers in hall following funeral. Canon Joe's month's mind Mass – 8th September. Plaque in his memory will be erected in Holy Cross cemetery.

To plan the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass we will hold a meeting on Monday 16th September at 7.00pm.

Date of Next Pastoral Team Meeting: Thursday 3rd October 2024