

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2024

We welcomed Donna from the Filipino Community on to the team.

- **Palm Sunday:** Donkey organised from Fermanagh Fun Farm for procession on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Blessing of Palms in top car park in St. Mary's and process down to chapel, in Holy Cross from the skip. One child at each Church to dress up for procession.
- **Youth Ministry:** Nothing to report
- **John Paul II: 6 young people recruited and launched, possible 2 more. Eamon to co-ordinate the group.**
- **John Bennett Report:** Referral pathway for parishioners requesting counselling ongoing. Keeping the report alive: "Everyone pulls the same weight on the team, not just left to the same people" "Lack of diversity; not representative of the wider community" is this how we are still perceived? A request to have a member of a local housing estate on team to be made. "Need to identify skills we are missing. Action: Audit of skills and talents within our parish". Identify skills in our parish. Continue to look at the report – use this as a guide. A lot of hard work, reflecting, honesty went into it by the team.
- **St. Brigid's Day, Candlemas Day and St. Blaise's Day:** Good to have done it at weekend – exposed to everyone. Fantastic

response from the three schools, Women's Group and Legion of Mary who all made St. Brigid's Crosses. Blessed Candles were also made available. Night organised to show people how to make St. Brigid's Crosses, all generations were represented.

- **Lent 2024:** We had spoken about a joint Churches event for Lent. We have decided on a 7-8 week Alpha Programme: discussing the core principles of the Christian Faith on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm during Lent in the Corner Stone. It will include a Video presentation and discussion. We need to individually promote this ourselves. Lent project – all the Churches.

Stations of the Cross: St. Mary's: Wednesday nights starting 21st February

Holy Cross: Thursday nights starting 22nd February. 7pm in both Churches

St. Peregrine Novena in April: Hold Novena Sunday 28th April to Wednesday 1st May with a 10am Mass and an Evening Liturgy. Themes: Healing / Peregrine / Hope. Suggested Speakers for Liturgy:, Fr Seamus Quinn, Oisín McConville, Conor McBarron, Helena Connolly and Noelle McAlinden.