

EMERGENCY PASTORAL TEAM MEETING

Tonight's meeting was arranged in the wake of the tragedy in Maguiresbridge to discuss any pastoral or practical needs that may be needed.

Canon Jimmy updated the Team:

I spoke with Caroline Mc Caffrey from the St. Mary's GAA club in the Bridge, they are receiving a lot of support from Ulster Council in particular and have had a number of gatherings of young people and parents just informally. The girls went back to training last night and all coaches were on hand to assist where needed. So as a community the GAA seem to quite well supported.

I have also booked a Month's Memory Mass for all three deceased on Saturday 23rd August just to give another little bit of support one month on. I'm hoping to keep this a simple memorial, without any hype but St. Mary's GFC have also requested involvement in that. They have also asked to have a donation box towards Women's Aid in the Church. There will be tea in St. Mary's hall after the Mass.

I spoke with Natasha Galbraith from the Wave Trauma Centre in Omagh, who were founded after the Omagh Bombing. They were brought into Creeslough after that disaster and are willing to send out educators/facilitators to help the locals best understand what has happened, they are also willing to go into schools and sports clubs to give this trauma training within the community.

EA are providing a lot of support/information to schools impacted

Actions from our meeting:

The tragedy has affected children, parents/guardians, and the older generations within our community

Women's Aid

- contact number to be in bulletin
- possibility of asking them to speak in the Church

Lifeline Posters

- already in Newtownbutler – possibility for our area?

Wave Trauma Centre

- Canon Jimmy to contact Castle Park Centre re. a date to hold a night for Wave Trauma to facilitate a community gathering to help people understand the tragedy that occurred
- John to be asked to contact other Churches to let them know about the event being organised

Contacts in bulletin

- Women's Aid