

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022

Faith and Light are to be invited to celebrate more of the public Masses in the Parish.

Congregational singing is to take place in both Churches

Covid: Stick with strategy. Continue to keep doors and windows open. Encourage people to stay at home if coughing and sniffing – not all people are testing. Some people still nervous. **While we want** to see people wearing masks – can't impose

Sign of Peace Return: A lot of smiles about it. People acknowledging each other Very positive. No shaking hands

Tea after 10am Mass Wednesday or Thursday: No volunteers to date. Suggestion that people be asked to stay behind on Wednesday and Thursday morning to try and get it organised. Choose Wednesday or Thursday to do it. Try one day for starters

New people brought on board during Parish Mission

Christmas – involve these new people

Keep to forefront of getting volunteers at Christmas or any time

More youth as Eucharistic Ministers in St. Mary's: Very few young people at Mass. 15 years old and upwards – not many that age group going to Mass.

Motivational speakers: Invite them 3 or 4 times a year. Theme / encouragement for people. Advent would be a good time Doesn't have to be a theme, could be a topical issue, eg, recession, parenting, mental health, citizens advice bureau

Bereavement Team: Memorial service planned

200th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church and of Fr McGonnell's death: All set for 20th and 27th November. Week of celebration.

Review of work with John Bennett: Keep the vision alive at our meetings
More links with Church groups – how? Report on website and people were notified and asked for feedback – no response to date

Agreed Action

Give parish groups an opportunity to speak to the Parish in a more general sense – what they do, etc.

Invite to a particular weekend Mass to promote their organisation

Beginning of new year – once a month

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| January | Pastoral Team (1 st weekend 7 th & 8 th January is commissioning of Pastoral Team) |
| February | Faith and Light |
| March | St. Joseph's Young Priests Society (Vocations Sunday weekend) |
| April | St. Vincent de Paul |
| May | Legion of Mary |

Recession: Give and take table going well. St. Vincent de Paul indicate what support they can offer – speak at Masses beginning of December. Encourage people to drop off a new toy – gift a small toy / book / teddy and leave at give and take table in December

Confessions: Last weekend for children and young people – no one attended
This weekend for adults.

Penitential Service 18th December at 6pm in Holy Cross

Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 15th December at 7pm in Holy Cross

Prayers for each other during Advent: Congregation encouraged to write their name on a slip of paper and place in a basket at the back of the Church. Take a name from the basket from the front of the Church. The name taken from the basket is the person you will pray for during the 4 weeks of Advent. Names in basket Sunday 19th November – names to be taken out the following week

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7pm in Parish Centre