

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2022

- 1. Covid:** Need to be weary and look after the vulnerable. Continue to try to be sensitive. Ventilation to be kept going. Encouraging mask wearing – note in bulletin encouraging this.
- 2. Net Ministry:** Disappointed Net Ministry not coming / didn't arrive – no visas. Youth Ministry Team to meet and look for ideas.
- 3. Feedback from Mission Committee:** Tea after 10am Mass on Wednesday or Thursday in Holy Cross. Note in bulletin to look for volunteers to a meeting in the Church after Mass. New people were brought on board during the Mission – keep these people involved. Encourage more youth to get involved as Eucharistic Ministers in St. Mary's – try and recruit. Work in conjunction with the Youth Ministry that will be developed. Invite Motivational speakers twice a year – possible November and Lent. Congregational singing to be encouraged. Introduce the hymns – encourage people to bring their Mission booklets with them. Use as an opportunity to expand St. Mary's choir. Faith and Light to be invited to hold their fiesta's at the public Masses with tea afterwards in the Parish Centre. Reintroduce the Sign of Peace in pre-covid form. Announce at Mass. Not encouraging shaking hands. Nod / wave / verbal
- 4. Baptism Team:** Up and running again. Team members visited the homes and attended the baptisms
- 5. Bereavement Team:** Progressing. Requested more training before visit homes. Aisling Centre will provide training – 4 sessions also therapy for children bereaved. Also investigating Rainbows – an organisation for children who have lost their parents through divorce, separation or bereavement
- 6. 200th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church and of Fr McGonnell's death:** progressing towards the centenary Mass and the Mass for all deceased babies.

7. Review of work with John Bennett: Ongoing. Reminder of the Vision Team taking more ownership and getting people involved. Creating direct links with Church groups – how do we do this? Promoting team publicly

- Date of meeting every month in bulletin
- Write about the team / summary of minutes
- Ask for response to John Bennett report
- Commission the team
- Ask for suggestions to be given in to Parish Office

Bulletin – welcoming ideas and input for consideration or feedback people want to give. Put the Vision on the bulletin – ask for ideas to deliver the Vision

- Minutes on website
- Report on website
- Invite feedback

Commission team again

- Speak about the work of the Team
- 7th and 8th January: Vigil and Sunday morning Mass

Agenda:

- 1. Recession:** St. Vincent de Paul and Foodbank – no big emergency yet, but expecting soon. Think about this as a Parish – how do we respond. Give and take table in Holy Cross. Schools sent a text message out to say this is available 9am – 6pm so hopefully this will take off. Send the foodbank whatever comes in to us. St. Kevin's providing breakfast. Whatever way we can help. Respond as a Parish. Leave heating on a bit more after Mass. Use the text message service that was set up during covid to help people who are struggling now. Utilise the Parish Hall – open Parish Centre and kitchen – have a meal available and give children somewhere to do their homework. Parish breakfast on a Saturday morning 9am – 11am . Have other food prepared for people to take home. Link in with Carrosyl regarding facility they have used to provide oil

A.O.B.

Men's Shed

It has been agreed that the Men's Shed can use trees in the Church grounds to hang owl boxes or bird feeders. This will help with their funding application

Reconciliation Service for Children

Confessions will be made available on the:

1st Saturday of the Month for children at 12pm

2nd Saturday of the Month at 12pm for everyone else

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7pm in Parish
Centre**