

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2022

- **Christmas Carol Service 15th December 2022**
- **Faith and Light: Team inviting them to be involved in more public masses.**
- **Congregational Singing: Hoping to launch this in the New Year.**
- **Covid:** Nothing new to report except it is still there in significant amounts. The more vulnerable should still wear masks. The need for good ventilation is still there – keep doors / windows open, especially for larger crowds, but ultimately it is all down to personal responsibility
- **Tea after 10am Mass Wednesday or Thursday:** No obvious volunteers came forward. Two people have agreed to come on board and start it. Leave to new year and warmer weather
- **More youth as Eucharistic Ministers in St. Mary's:** Mount Lourdes currently recruiting Eucharistic Ministers, those from the Parish are to be invited to go on rota.
- **Altar Servers:** No parents came forward, another invite in the bulletin stating what age. Need to be trained and safeguarding required and parents will be required to supervise in sacristy
- **Motivational Speakers:** Started with St. Vincent de Paul – good for people to hear about their work. Citizen's Advice – John to organise for after Christmas
- **Bereavement Team – Memorial Service**

10 candles left

49 families invited – every family invited. Amazing ceremony. Worth doing

- **200th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church and of Fr McGonnell's death**

Thanks to the team who carried it out. A great week, great work. Very willing and committed committee. Poor turn out for Mass unfortunately. Deceased babies Mass had a bigger crowd and the Mass was greatly appreciated.

- **Review of work with John Bennett:** Parish groups – previously spoken about and weekend dates organised for parish groups to speak at Parish Masses
- **Recession:** Give and take table continues to go and come – a lot of toys appearing around it. St. Vincent de Paul spoke at Masses – hopefully help in that situation too. Foodbank – what they have now will keep them going until the new year. They are happy with the response from the entire community
- **Confessions:** 1 child attended on Saturday – not working. Alternative – Penitential Service two or three times a year. Penitential Service on Sunday 18th December – push this as much as we can, especially for people who are not there all the time. Bring people back – give the sense of the Sacrament of Healing. People will feel they have made the effort coming up to Christmas. Encourage people to share on Facebook. Promote through the schools

AGENDA

- **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve at 6.00pm in Holy Cross

Christmas Day at 9.00am in St. Mary's

Christmas Day at 11.00am in Holy Cross

The Pastoral Team will attend weekend Masses on Saturday 7th January and Sunday 8th January where team will be commissioned.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7pm in Parish Centre