

Pastoral Team Meeting Thursday 13th November 2025

- **Youth Ministry:** Last year's JP11 group at the end of their tenure. Presentation for the group at the Diocesan event. 14 recruits so far for this coming year. 7 of the new group will be Readers. 9 of new group will be Eucharistic Ministers. 8 of our leavers will stay on as Eucharistic Ministers. 3 of our leavers will stay on as Readers. We are strengthening the link between our JP11 group and St. Kevin's Carol Acutis group as we plan our visit to Assisi. A retreat has been planned for the Carol Acutis St. Kevin's group. JP11 meetings – overlap with both outgoing and new group of students. A meeting with the new group next week with their parents – fill parents in on expectations. Talk for Parish readers – 6 of JP11 students attended. Re-presentation of awards at weekend Masses – recognition from Parish. 6/7 new parents also coming on board – Access NI checks, safeguarding course, etc. Youth Minister continues his involvement with the Sacrament classes, P7 – prayers of the faithful rota, and P4 – offertory procession. As a Pastoral Team, we want to send our congratulations to the outgoing JP11 students. Congratulations on their success in our Parish over the last year. Our Chair of the Pastoral Team, will say a few words and present medals as part of the recognition at weekend Masses.
- **Post Whyte/Rutledge Tragedy:** Omagh Wave Trauma information night – a most disappointing turnout after issuing so many invites. It was a most impressive presentation on trauma, sudden death and tragic death. There will be no more follow-up
- **Parish Pilgrimage to France:** Plan for 4th to 8th May 2026. Need to start promoting. Probably join with another group if not enough numbers
- **Harvest Thanksgiving:** Both Churches looked well. St. Mary's came down on Monday – too soon. Appreciated by people. Lovely banner on gate at St. Mary's

- **Pet Blessing:** Small turnout, but still worth doing
- **International Mass:** More people stayed for tea this year. JP11 students were a great help. Suggestion – tea after Mass on a normal weekend. Volunteers for a hospitality committee. Parents to JP11 to be asked to volunteer and become the hospitality committee
- **Readers Training:** Thanks again to John for facilitating. Very good turnout – 22 people in attendance and 4 apologies. Information to go up on WhatsApp group.
- **Remembrance Sunday and Bereavement Team:** 4 new members have joined the Bereavement Team. All families have been contacted either personally or by letters

Agenda:

Advent: A bio is needed for each guest speaker so we can promote in bulletin and on social media. 4 Sunday nights of Advent – Canon Jimmy will reflect on following Sunday's readings

Christmas: Christmas Eve 7.00pm Vigil – Holy Cross. Midnight Mass (12pm) – St. Mary's. Christmas Day 11.00am – Holy Cross. Involvement in music from Indian and Filipino communities to be investigated. Youth Minister will get cover for Readers, Prayers of the Faithful and Eucharistic Ministers with JP11 students. 13th and 14th December – JP11 will be selling Trocaire Christmas gifts.

27th and 28th December – Feast of the Holy Family
10 banners to be used in procession – JP11 students to carry banners on each day

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 3rd December at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre