

Pastoral Team Meeting Thursday 16th October 2025

- **Review Day follow up (part A) Social Media:**

Aine McPhillips from Mac Media spoke to the team about Social Media and the Parish.

needs invited by Canon Jimmy to meeting as a result of feedback from our Review day. Ideas of: social media posts with graphics to draw children and parents in, eg, Confirmation name suggestions, short videos from Parish Team members giving some detail as to upcoming events, etc, tik tok page with drone footage, graphics of prayers, quotes and upcoming events. As a Parish we have all the social outlets up and running, it's how do we use them more effectively. Our Website is outdated – needs a revamp but is in-fact used a lot by the public. There are lots happening – we need to showcase it. Aine will now meet with the JP II group to discuss the youth's views.

- **Youth Ministry**

-Written submissions for JP11 2024 is now complete. 21st November is the award ceremony. New group currently has 15 members who will take on the roles of readers and Eucharistic Ministers and training will take place between now and Christmas with them starting their roles in January '26. Retreat to Knock for Altar Servers was excellent however only 8 out of 24 went. Hoping for better uptake next year and JP II will be included. Presently exploring 4 nights in Assisi for JP II in August '26. This will be joint venture with St Kevin's College and the Parish. Safeguarding courses are coming up. Youth Minister needs a few more volunteer parents.

- **Post Whyte/Rutledge Tragedy**

Wave Trauma, Omagh, have confirmed that they are willing to come and give a talk on trauma and hopefully a few workshops going forward. Talk to be held in Castle Park Centre on Monday 10th November. All the other Churches, schools and organization will be encouraged to have people attend.

- **Parish Pilgrimage to France**

3 options were presented to the team. It was decided that we would travel on Mon 4th May '26 and return Thurs 8th May '26.

- **Review Day follow up (part B)**

Everyone felt Fr Gabriel led an excellent session. Great facilitator, very progressive in his views, high praise all round. Gave us lots of examples and food for thought from

other parishes as well as his time spent in Africa. Year of Hope was mentioned 6 times during the review. Going forward we decided that, as Advent is approaching and one of the candles represents 'hope', we would make this our overall focus of Advent.

-Decided that we would have weekly guest speakers at both weekend Masses:

*Sat/Sun 29th and 30th Nov - Eileen McGovern.

*Sat/Sun 6th and 7th Dec Oisin Curran.

*Sat/Sun 13th and 14th Dec - Betty Leonard.

*Sat/Sun 20th and 21st Dec - Denzil McDaniel.

Upcoming events:

Harvest Thanksgiving – 18th and 19th October 2025

Blessing of Pets – 19th October at 4pm

International Mass – 2nd November 2025: Philipno Community have volunteered to read, sing and bring up gifts. All international children in school to be sourced for Mass introduction. Tea after the Mass.

Remembrance Sunday – 23rd November 2025 – Bereavement Team to meet and plan.

- Suggestion box in both Churches for Pastoral Team to consider – ongoing.
- Advent: Advent Reading Club once a week, eg, document on returning to Church, documents to read and discuss.
- Canon Jimmy will do a 4 week course on the Gospels during Advent.
- Training for all Readers – Monday 27th October 2025.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre