

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026

- **Youth Ministry:** 5 adult volunteers now assisting all have done their safeguarding training. During Lent our JP II group assisted at the Stations of the Cross. The 3 Primary Schools carried out the last night of the Stations. Renewing our Altar Servers is ongoing – going into P6 classes now and recruit. 2025 Altar Servers – only 3 stepped down – positive sign. Review in 6 months. Eamon went into the 3 schools to those who missed taking their pledge. Chrism Mass – St. Mary's and St. Ronan's attended, the only two schools in the Diocese to do so. Both John Paul II groups helped out from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday – everyone turned up and did their bit. They have also served as Eucharistic Ministers and held monthly meetings. Parents and young people are meeting regarding fundraising for Lourdes – April, May, June. Hoping to hold a table quiz end of April / beginning of May for JP II students. On behalf of the Pastoral Team, we would like Eamon to pass on to the JP II students how much we appreciate their input. Holy Week was a super week by Eamon and the young people. Canon Jimmy spoke about how he doesn't normally get a lot of feedback but this Holy Week in particular people spoke about the involvement, the life, the image. Clogher Don Oige have also offered a trip to Taize and a number of our young people will attend that. Young Pioneers: there is a possibility of a young pioneers group being established in the Parish. The last 6, 7, 8 years young people have enrolled and we haven't done anything. We should re-engage and support them in that decision. At the moment we have potentially 20 teenagers aged 17 to 18 assisting within the Parish. How do we keep them together? They are a fantastic group of young people. Anything spiritual, anything happening anywhere else? Something meaningful for them. Queen's Chaplaincy – Siobhan to pass on contact details to Eamon. As a team lets continue to keep thinking about this.
 - Move club with themed films?
 - Youth night with film or speaker once a month?
 - Link in with St. Kevin's
- **Lent:** Stations – brilliant, very prayerful, sheets for the congregation were a great idea. The Chosen, crowd wise dwindled. Move it to the Parish hall next year. The Passion on Good Friday – move it to hall also. Both were worth doing. 6 weeks in Lent – choose 6 episodes to show

- **St. Patrick's Day:** St. Mary's put on session in hall – amazing seeing young ones on the stage – that's what we also want in Church next year. Invite next year through Ciara Flanagan. Baptized Babies for the past year. 15 candles taken. Still worth doing. Everyone was invited.
- **Penitential Service:** Lovely. Crowd a little smaller than Christmas. Options for individual confessions were given in neighboring Parishes.
- **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday: Poor weather – no procession in Lisnaskea. Procession at start of Mass in Chapel – good to do that. Children's Mass – leave Palm Sunday as children's Mass every year. A lot of acting for the Gospel – a lot of involvement from the schools. Secretary to draft a letter to schools to acknowledge children and teachers for their work during the year for children's Masses. Wouldn't happen without the schools

Holy Thursday: 7pm and Altar of Repose: Brilliant. Good crowd. Faith and Light great at what they do. Altar of Repose next year –night prayer at 9.45pm in St. Mary's, no holy hour.

Good Friday: 3pm and 7pm. 3pm – went well. Normal crowd. 7pm – went well. Brendan did a great job

Holy Saturday: Paul Mohan and Leo Swift helped with fire and brought canopy – weather not great. JP II – great job. Next year announce page numbers for readings, etc.

Easter Sunday: 9am and 11am. Two great crowds
Holy water appreciated– extra bottles next year

A very good Holy Week

Agenda

- **Student Prayer and Mass:** To be held in both Churches – 16th and 17th May. Advertise on facebook. Put in bulletin for people to leave names to be prayed for into Church and/or Parish Office. Basket / box to be placed in both Churches with a note 'those who wish to be prayed for at exam time'

- **Suggestion boxes at the back of our Churches** – not much left in them

 - 1. Better parking in Holy Cross: Planning permission is in for extended parking at Holy Cross. Extra ushers are always on duty for the children's Masses. Link in with Emmetts and see will they look after parking going forward. We are also still waiting on double yellow lines.
 - 2. Need for prayer cards in Church for those who don't attend regularly.
 - 3. Workings of the Church – christenings, death, burial plots, etc. Need for clarification.
 - 4. Need for more Children / older people meet ups. More reaching out to older / lonely people. Nursing homes. More Parish meet ups.
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- **Family Fun Day – Sunday 7th June 2026:** 10am set-up. Risk assessment to be carried out– including boilers in kitchen. Party Bees – Marie Boyle Ice Cream Van x 2 – Angela. Face Painting x 3 – Marie Boyle. Food x 200 – Dervla was contact for Michelle Logan. Eamon to speak to the parents of JP II students to help on the day. Canon Jimmy to speak to Brian regarding car parking on the day. Food at the stage. Paper cups. Flasks from the Parish Office and kettles. New boilers have been bought – check with Chris

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th May 2026