

Pastoral Team Meeting Thursday 4th September 2025

- **Post Whyte/Rutledge Tragedy:** Meeting of the Pastoral Team held in early August. Wave Trauma, Omagh – very willing to come and deliver talks. They have been Involved previously following Creeslough. Talks to be held in Castle Park Centre on how to understand trauma. Other Churches to be contacted to encourage people to attend so that is available to everyone.
- **Youth Ministry. John Paul 11** current group – end of tenure. They will complete their year with a written submission. On the 14th November – ceremony in St. Michael's where awards will be presented. They are still on the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers schedule until December and hopefully stay on after that. Those who went to Lourdes will meet up to reflect on their pilgrimage and to plan speaking at week masses. Evaluation sheets have been given to all members, good to have feedback after the first year – see how best to move forward. One of the points on evaluation sheet asks for suggestions on how to get 20+ year olds back into parish life. Retreats for John Paul II students and Altar Servers in Knock – 22nd September and 4th October. Process of recruiting for new group – ongoing this month. There is a plan for a Pilgrimage to Assisi – current group expressed interest in going – late August / early September 2026. A lot of work behind the scenes and a lot of things happened this year, they were an excellent group. Potentially 46 for this year.
- **Parish Pilgrimage to France:** Contact made with Marian Pilgrimages and Joe Walsh. Plan for 2026 – late September / early October
- **Review for Team.** Sunday 21st September from 2pm until 5pm. Fr Gabriel Dolan will facilitate.
- **WhatsApp group for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers** has being set up.

- **Cemetery weekend. All went well.**
- **Sacrament of the Sick:** Put on calendar as May event with Mass and meal in the Parish Hall.

Agenda:

Upcoming events:

Blessing of Pets – 5th October at 4pm
Harvest Thanksgiving – 18th and 19th October 2025
International Mass – 2nd November 2025
Remembrance Sunday – 23rd November 2025

- **International Mass: we need members of the international community on board for this event.**

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Return to Mass – document issued by Bishops – discuss at our next meeting

Minutes of Pastoral Team now available in both Churches

Suggestion box in both Churches for Pastoral Team to consider – going ahead

Advent: Advent Reading Club once a week, eg, document on returning to Church, documents to read and discuss. RCIA program to be run during Advent.

Training for Readers – Monday 27th October 2025.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre