

Minutes of Pastoral Team Meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2022

1. Funeral and Covid Regulations: Jackets currently being made. Shell jackets, look lovely.
2. Parish Mission: Second sign is on display. Third sign will be up this week. Mission booklet and pamphlet will be ready for next week. We need to think of substitute speakers in case those asked are unable to make it at short notice (covid) *Leaflets will be hand delivered in the parish – leaflet drop planned for 29th August. This will be a personal invite to the Mission to all families in the Parish Facebook, twitter, all social media sites will be used. Contact to be made with Football clubs and Scouts. Electric billboards will be displayed. Article in newspaper*
3. *Contact to be made with the Vatican ref a Plenary Indulgence for the Mission week. This will be displayed in both Churches and a copy made*

available to all families. The next meeting of the Parish Mission Team is Thursday 27th July 2022

- 4. Return of Baptism and Bereavement Teams: 3 retirements from the team – new people have been recruited. 2 more recruited from Maguiresbridge. All team members happy to proceed in September. A letter will be sent to all parents explaining the role of the team*

 - 5. Bereavement Team: 1 retirement from the team. A meeting to be re-scheduled*

 - 6. Communications Team: No communications with this team to date*
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2. 200th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church: The first meeting has been held and decisions made include: Celebratory Mass to be held on Sunday 20th November – Bishop Larry

A memorial for the unbaptised babies interred in St. Mary's Cemetery will be held. Parishioner's memories will be recorded. A wooden plaque in both Churches with the names of all Parish Priests and a refresh of the wall memorial to Fr McGonnell in St. Mary's. A talk from a member of the historical society will be included. A Football match to be organized between St. Mary's and Erigal Truagh GAA Club. The 3 schools in the Parish will be approached to contribute – tasks allocated. A booklet will be produced

3. Review of work with John Bennett: having had the review day, where do we go now? Vision. Our Vision is for Aghalurcher Parish to be one where: There is a feeling of celebration, of community and joy. There is a feeling of genuine welcome where all parishioners feel included equally. There is a valuing and respect of the elders, an active reaching out to the young and a genuine visible care for the vulnerable. We, the Pastoral Team, need to take more ownership – too much dependence upon the Priest. There is no permanency in Canon Jimmy's role. The team

needs to come up with more thoughts and ideas on what people are wanting and get new people involved. Getting new people is difficult, but not impossible. As members we should not be doing the job. The Pastoral Team is the hub, the engine of the Parish – do we see our team as important as it is? We need to implement suggestions from the report – keep the strengths and address the weaknesses. AOB can be added to the agenda to allow people to raise any points not included.- Pass through secretary beforehand- To be seen as a way to bring up issues- Don't want tensions or rivalries occurring.- How do we bring about change in the Parish?- Everyone on the team must pull the same weight. We need to address that Reluctance / shyness to get involved at busy times. Everyone's opinion has to be taken into consideration. Parishioners don't see the Pastoral Team doing all the work- Put date of meeting in bulletin each month- Minutes from our meetings are on the website – highlight this in the Bulletin. Note in bulletin about the team- Summary of what we are doing / what we have done- Publicise the report from John Bennett on the website and add a

summary to the bulletin- Names of the Pastoral Team in the bulletin - Ask people for a response to the report Commission the whole team again in both churches - Working hard the last 4 years - Producing all events - Opportunity to talk about what the Pastoral Team is about. As a team we should be leading this change- Our role as a team is to implement. The decision was made to refer to John Bennett's report again- Keep on agenda every month- Refer to the vision every month and make sure our decisions are reflective of it.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre