

# Pastoral Council Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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Present: Fr Paul Strain, Ann D'Arcy, Maurice Jordan, Catherine Gillespie (Secretary), Brian Shannon, Maire Hughes, Aidan Donaldson (chair), Joe Baxter, Pauline Dowd, Canon Murray, Aideen D'Arcy, Martin Bradley, Fr Paul Morely

Apologies: Nora Byrne, Carol McLaughlin

## AGENDA

- Welcome & Prayer
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Matters Arising from PP 2015-2016
- Fr Paul's Report
- Pastoral community update
- Pathways presentation
- Mass for expectant mothers
- September review and planning meeting
- Hospitality/Social Committee
- AOB
- Date and time of next meeting

## Discussions and points of action

- Joe Baxter opened the meeting with a prayer
- Issues arising from minutes
  - 1.20 Welcome booklet – content incomplete. Decision to be made on how best to organise.
  - Maire and Pauline to assist Ann in completion.
  - 'C&S' to read **Corporal** and **Spiritual** works explicitly
- Minutes for Website - Aideen produced a set of minutes. These were emailed to all members.

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- **Matters arising from Parish pastoral Plan:**

- 1.1 **Year of Mercy:**

- 1.1.1 Lough Derg – all places assigned

- 1.1.2 Display of Corporal and spiritual works – this is now operational

- 1.2 **Formation of the visitation ministry:**

- 1.2.1 Fr Paul and Maire have spoken to Holy Cross Parish

- 1.7 **Ministry of welcome:**

- 1.71 **Care fair:** Maire has spoken to Cecilia McCloskey regarding this event. It was proposed that a subcommittee be established to consider format, venue, dates etc. Maire, Joe, Martin and Aidan to form subgroup.

- 1.72 **Coffee morning** continues to be a great success. Extended to end of June. Possibility of running over the summer but will depend on manpower.

- **Fr Paul's report**

- Day of reflection for PC. Facilitator Fr Perry Gildea. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September Drumalis house.

- MEMBERS TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE AND ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS to Catherine ASAP

- Aideen to send PC plan to Catherine. Fr Paul to make contact with Fr Perry.

- Adult confirmation on Pentecost Sunday was a great success

- Schools update: Mrs Reid to retire in June from St Therese PS, and amalgamation of HF school and nursery.

- 6 sessions of adoration with Primary 4 children from both PS

- Evening for readers – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Spiritual renewal will be led by Fr Oliver Trainor

- JP II –Orla McCarthy to nominate students for this role. Proposed training evening in October (TBA)

- **Pastoral community report**

- PAT training day - Fr John Friel - Tober Mhuire

- A planner to be devised from September timetabling all events throughout the 5 parishes.

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- Baptism programme – on going
- Maire distributed and proposed a Pastoral area booklet
- Ann proposed putting on bulletin header 'North Belfast pastoral Community' to alert parishioners to the fact that we are part of this community
  
- **Pathways presentation:**
  - Brian showed PC the 2 year Faith Development for Adults programme running in Drumalis. This short video is also available on YouTube.
  - Propose putting in bulletin regarding new course to start in October. Could also put in link from website.
  
- **Hospitality**
  - Very successful Notre Dame Event. Organisation excellent.
  - Aideen to speak to Carol and Nora regarding extension of hospitality to St Therese.
  
- **AOB**
  - Aideen informed committee that the options appraisal exercise was on going. Aideen will circulate any update on this to PC members.

### Date of next meeting

**Day of reflection – Drumalis House – 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September**