

## **Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Holy Family Presbytery**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

**Present:** Fr Paul, Aidan Donaldson (chair), Maire Hughes (acting Sec), Nora Byrne, Carol McLaughlin, Brendan Dowd, Pauline Dowd, Ann D'Arcy, Aideen D'Arcy, Maurice Jordan

**Apologies:** Canon Murray, Fr Paul M, Brian Shannon, Catherine Gillespie, Martin Bradley

#### **No correspondence**

Aidan attended the Four Corners breakfast.

Fr Perry's summary of the work in Drumalis was circulated. (Dealt with further on in the minutes)

#### **Lenten Programme**

Brendan reported that there had been difficulties getting the DVD for the Pivotal Players (Bishop Barron). He hopes that it will arrive shortly

There will be six sessions during lent on Monday evenings focusing on

Saint Francis, St Catherine of Sienna, GK Chesterton, Thomas Aquinas, Michael Angelo and John Henry Newman

Brendan assured the team that everyone would be challenged by the programme.

Sacred Heart Parish will be running A Biblical Walk with Mary (Edward Sri) on Sunday nights during Lent.

#### **Catholic Schools' Week**

The consensus was that the resources, which were of a very high standard, arrived too late to the schools. Both the primary schools celebrated grandparents' day.

Aidan reported that St Patrick's College came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dominican College 3<sup>rd</sup> in a competition re exhibiting catholic life in their schools organised by the Catholic Schools' Trustees Support Services. (Art Competition). St Malachy's in Castlewellan won the event. Aidan will send congratulations to the two schools and a message of congratulations will be put in the bulletin this week.

#### **Fr Perry's report**

Aidan, Nora, and Aideen will liaise with Catherine in relation to the format the report will take for the parish website.

#### **Annual Mass and Blessing of the sick**

Given that the mass is taking place during mid - term break it has only been possible to get the support of two JP11 award students. The Briginis won't be there due to prior arrangements. The young people will come at 2.45pm and combine meet and greet with hospitality. Nora has agreed to take them under her wing.

The minutes were proposed by Fr Paul and seconded by Maurice

## **Fr Paul's Report**

We are a very busy parish with lots happening. We no longer have Sr Therese's input however we have Brendan as our candidate in training for the Deaconate

He is involved in the GIFT Programme, Baptism and public speaking Deaconate ministry

Year 8's from the 5 post primary schools in the area and the year 7's from the two parish schools will be involved in a Stations of the Cross ceremony on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in Holy Family.

Canon Murray is working nonstop.

Fr Paul Morely is very busy with visitation, school liturgy, visiting the sick and bereaved and studying as well as being chaplain to Syro Malabar community.

Confirmation went very well.

Mass and blessing of the sick will be held on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lent begins on March 1st

Maurice Jordan and Michael Devine are both standing down as coordinators of the readers. in St Th rese and Holy Family. Peter Bannon will be taking over from Maurice and Siobh n Harding from Michael. They will be invited to join the Liturgy Committee.

There will be a recruitment drive for new ministers of the Word and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion through the bulletin.

24 young people will be receiving their JP11 Awards and this will be acknowledged at the vigil Mass for February 26th in Holy Family and at the 12noon Mass in St Therese. Aidan and Fr Paul will send an individual letter to all the young people inviting them to attend. Pauline will email the list of names and addresses to Aidan. Fr Paul has agreed to have meeting with the current JP11 award students.

## **Holy Family Development Plan**

### **Adult Faith**

The parish ran two courses Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible and A Biblical walk with Mary. This involved a lot of work for Brendan as they ran back to back. It was suggested that Lent and Advent might be good times to run programmes.

A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to make things happen in our parish.

All groups will be invited to write piece for the bulletin explaining what they do and asking for new members. This will raise awareness and hopefully encourage more people to become involved.

Given that our pastoral plan has been informed by the diocesan plan it was suggested that we invite, through the chair, a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council to speak to our council so that we can get sense of how they are moving forward. It is hoped that someone will attend our meeting before the midsummer barbeque.

In order to prepare for the celebrations of 2018 it has been agreed that we will all have a copy of ***Amoris Laetitia*** (The Joy of Love) and that each month we will have an overview of

one of the nine chapters in the book. The overview will be 5 to 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. Ann D'Arcy will reflect on Chapter 1 at the next meeting.

Preparations for Canon Murray's Diamond Jubilee are in the making.

### **Hospitality and Social Committee**

Everything is going according to plan there was a prayer for grandparents at the weekend Masses following Catholic Schools' week. It was noted that the official grandparents' day is September 10th and that there is a Grandparents' Association.

Mothering Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> tea will be served in one of the churches. Fr Paul will arrange for keys to be cut for 65 Somerton Rd for use by the hospitality team. This will make things a lot easier in terms of planning and organising.

Many thanks to Sheila Gallagher, Nikki Sullivan and Marian O' Neill for the on-going hospitality support in 65, Somerton Road.

The aim would be to have hospitality after every liturgy.

Aideen spoke about the possibility of having a one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

Aideen also suggested that there should be an exhibition of all the proposals in relation to the Columbarium. Everyone agreed.

Pauline asked if Youth Ministry should be put on the agenda.

Ann provided everyone on the team with the latest information leaflets produced by IBDI in conjunction with the Public Health Agency.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.