

Pastoral Council Minutes 9th March 2017

Present: Fr Paul Strain, Ann D'Arcy, Catherine Gillespie (Secretary), Maire Hughes (acting chair), Brendan Dowd, Pauline Dowd, , Aideen D'Arcy, Martin Bradley, Nora Byrne, Carol McLaughlin, Brian Shannon, Fr Paul Morely, Maurice Jordan

Apologies: Canon Murray, Aidan Donaldson

AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Prayer (*Amoris Laetitia* led by Ann D'Arcy)**
2. **Correspondence**
3. **Minutes and Matters arising from minutes**
4. **Fr Paul's Report**
5. **Hospitality and social committee**
6. **Youth ministry**
7. **HF Parish Development Plan**
8. **AOB**
9. **Date and time of next meeting**

Discussions and points of action

1. Welcome:

- 1.1. Nora opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 1.2. Ann gave background to *Amoris Laetitia* and gave an overview of chapter 1. This was well received and a request was made for Ann to share her reflection. Ann agreed and will distribute.
- 1.3. Maire will give a synopsis of chapter 2 at the next meeting (May 11th)

2. Correspondence: None

3. Minutes and matters arising from minutes Feb 2016

- 3.1. IBDI and TATI programme – a number of schools are involved with more wishing to participate in this successful programme
- 3.2. Lenten programme – has begun and is very successful
- 3.3. Canon's anniversary celebration – Fr Paul to check with Diocese regarding possible clash with midsummer BBQ.

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4. Fr Paul's report:

- 4.1 Successful introduction of the Lenten programme
- 4.2 First confession will take place on the 4th week of Lent
- 4.2 Reconciliation services – Holy Week
- 4.3 Parish Walk – interest in continuing this
- 4.4 Finance Committee's annual report is due in April
- 4.5 Clergy conference – issues discussed included Suicide Awareness
- 4.6 Eucharistic ministers - training for (*new*) ministers on Wednesday 29th March/5th April in Sacred Heart Church. Notice to be put in bulletin.
 - 4.6.1 JPll students - Pauline to liaise with teachers to recruit students who could do training now and make commitment for next academic year.
- 4.7 Stations of Cross on-going on Friday evenings
- 4.8 Renewal of readers and commissioning of new readers post Easter – possibly Pentecost Sunday.
 - 4.8.2 Request for JPll to be involved in this ministry

5. Hospitality

- 5.1 First Sunday teas continue to be a success. Notice will be put on door of St Therese to remind parishioners on 1st Sunday.
- 5.2 Lenten programme – hospitality given
- 5.3 St Patrick's Day mass 11am
- 5.4 Social committee meeting on 21st March to plan Canon Murray's anniversary celebration
- 5.5 Lough Derg organised for 20th August

6. Youth Issues

- 6.1 Pauline concerned that there was a lack of 'joining up' WRT youth groups in the parish. It was proposed that the youth groups get together. Fr Paul to write to Youth group leaders. Initial meeting proposed post Easter – May/June
- 6.2 GIFT 2 successful, as is the introduction of Lectio divina, led by Patricia Nolan
- 6.3 A mass for all children involved in the youth ministry was proposed

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7. HF Development Plan/communication with parishioners

- 7.1 Agreed we need to speak with DPC in relation to our own plan. Aidan to make contact.
- 7.2 Agreed that the HF development Plan should be made available to parishioners. Members asked to update accordingly and forward to Catherine by March 17th.
- 7.3 Members agree the PC photo should be on display.

8. AOB

- 8.1 Good response to request from parish groups to write a paragraph about their work
- 8.2 Martin distributed flier for Dementias and Faith workshop (Assembly Buildings March 16th)

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11th May 2017 7pm