

## **Update Notes from the Outreach Sub Group, November 2014**

**Parish Visitation:** Following the continued success of the Galilee Project, members of the Parish Pastoral Council will visit homes in the Drumcoo Estate. **The Pastoral Visitation Team will be in the Drumcoo Green, Drumglass Way, Bernagh Gardens, Mournebeg Drive, Rossmore Walk and Ranaghan Road area, on week commencing 3rd Nov 2014.** Visitation Teams of two include a lay person and cleric. They hope to visit each home in the area.

## **Update Notes from the Adult Faith Formation Sub Group, November 2014**

There will be a Seminar in St. Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November on "Social Media as an aid in Evangelisation". The evening is aimed at diocesan adult faith coordinators and members of PPCs who wish to learn more about the potential for social media to be used in publicising parish faith formation events and in actively promoting faith formation articles and information from a variety of different Catholic sources.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cell evangelisation group has been established within the parish for some months now. The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month with the purpose of helping to spread the good news of the Gospel through sharing faith experiences, praying and reflecting on different aspects of Church teaching. The cell group proposes to hold weekly cell meetings, open to all, on 2 Thursday nights in Advent; on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. The meetings will use excerpts from the recently published Irish Catholic Catechism as discussion topics. The evenings are relaxed, informal with a social content as well as prayer and faith sharing. The meeting starts at 8.00pm each evening.

## **Update Notes from Youth Ministry Sub Group, November 2014**

Halo Youth Group are planning a pilgrimage to Rome next summer, from 26<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015. Over half of the 30 places have now been filled and the group hopes to start fundraising soon.

Around 70 pupils from St Patrick's College and St Patrick's Academy have signed up to do the Pope John Paul II Award this year, a record number since the award was launched in the parish.

There will be a special Mass in which all our new altar-servers will be formally welcomed and initiated. This Mass - to mark the feast of St John Berchmans, patron of altar-servers - will take place at **St Patrick's Church, Dungannon** on **Thursday 27th November, 2014** at **7:30pm**. Our guest speaker will be Niall Morgan, Tyrone goalkeeper. The youth choir of Edendork will be singing at the Mass. While the Mass is intended primarily for our *new* altar-servers, all altar-servers and their families are most welcome to attend. Letters have been sent to parents to advise them of the Mass.

After the success of our retreat day last year, *all* altar-servers of the parish are invited to this year's Altar-servers' Retreat / Fun Day, which will take place on **Sunday 14th December, 2014** at **St Patrick's PS, Dungannon** (Killyman Road), **beginning with registration at 1:30pm and ending at 4pm**. The retreat day, led by Fr Ryan and the parish HALO Youth Group, will include workshops on faith, art, games, prayer as well as additional training and catechesis on their important role. It will be a great opportunity for our altar-servers' across the four areas of the parish to meet each other and have a bit of craic! Letters have been sent to parents to advise them of the retreat day.

Halo Youth Group are organising a Christmas Fare in the **Old Convent of Mercy** on **Sunday 7th December, 2014**. The fare will include trading stalls, workshops, carol singing, Santa's grotto and an elves workshop for children, not to mention a coffee shop. If anyone is interested in taking a stall contact Paul Henry on 075 6835 0744. Funds raised from the fare will go towards the parish youth group and its future projects.

Archbishop Eamon will meet with a group of young adults (c. 20-30yo) from across the diocese on Friday 28th November, 2014 in Newry to listen and get feedback on what the diocese could be doing for young adults. A group of 13 young adults (ranging from 20-30yo, university students, those in work, engaged/ married) from the parish hope to attend this meeting.