

March Meeting 2015

A Meeting of Dungannon Parish Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 8:00pm.

The meeting opened with a prayer and reflection facilitated by the Youth Group.

Matters Arising

The Halo group have been asked to prepare an opening liturgy for Spiritfest on the 21st March in the **Drumcree Pastoral Centre**. Fr Ryan reported that preparations were going well.

It was noted that the recent changes to collating and reading of The List of The Dead in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon have been well received. The format in Edendork, Clonmore and Killyman will remain unchanged due to small numbers. It was clarified that entries in the book for Edendork be carried over to the next year.

Re: Synod On Marriage And The Family- Thurs 19 Feb

Fr. Gerry facilitated the meeting and will collate findings and report back to Arch-bishop Eamon Martin.

Confirmation Talks for parents of all P7 pupils will be arranged after Easter.

Fr Ryan confirmed that the rota for readers is under Parish Life – Monthly Rotas.

Parish Mission

Parish Mission :Letter from Dublin Province of the Redemptorists.

Fr. Johnny Doherty CSsR will be the Mission Team Leader for the **Dungannon Parish Mission** scheduled for **Saturday 17th – Sunday 25th October 2015**. The other members of the Team are: **Denis Luddy CSsR, Ciarán O'Callaghan** and **Ms. Sarah Smyth**.

The PPC agreed to a request from Kevin Kearney to run a stall to sell religious items during the time of the mission.

Some basic organisational details for the core group had been discussed.

Mass at 7:00, 7:45 and 10:00. 10:00am mass in Edendork every day, 10:00am mass to alternate between Killyman and Clonmore.

7:30 Devotions and Talk/Speaker

Importance of involving schools

Provision of transport to and from the mission

Information Nights prior to the mission

Involvement / Provision for Youth

Inclusion of Nursing homes

Translators / Interpreters

International Mass / inclusion of Newcomers

All details would be discussed with the Parish Mission Team / PPC and core group. All members of the PPC are to consider needs of the Parish in relation to the mission and forward ideas / thoughts to the core team.

Interest Groups

Outreach

The Parish Visitation programme continues and the group hope to finish the Drumcoo / Carland road area by Easter. Joe Daly has assisted the team. Once again an invitation to join the visitations was extended to all members of the PPC.

It was acknowledged how rewarding the experience was.

A pastoral area team in Co Louth would like the Outreach Team to share their positive experience with their members. The PPC acknowledged the invitation. It was agreed that Paul, Roger, Raymond and Nuala would meet with the group. (Joe Daly may join them.)

Fr Radosław reported that the Bishop of Dromore had spoken favourably re the Galilee Project / Parish Visitation in Dungannon and would hope to begin something similar in his diocese.

Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a Workshop on the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Family Learning Centre on 25th March at 8:00pm.

Adult Faith Formation

Nuala, Paddy and Noel and Sean Skeffington attended a one day Bible Study class, The Great Adventure, hosted by Tony Hannah. The group were very impressed with the presentation and resources. The colour coding, timeline, workbook and DVD enabled them to experience the 8 session programme during the one day workshop. The outreach group are very eager to run the programme in January 2016 and feel that it would be appropriate to launch it after the parish mission.

The Cell Evangelisation group will finish in early March. They are now considering a catechism, discussion and prayer session to be run every Thursday evening.

Youth

Fr Ryan along with Bosco McShane, ADYC held FAITH ON TAP, a Faith based discussion during Lent In McAleer's Bar, Dungannon Thurs 26 Feb. Approximately 20 young people attended the open discussion. Malachi Cush was an inspirational speaker and Fr Ryan acknowledged his support of the event. The group hope to host another session in the near future which will be open to all (ie not strictly youth)

The John Paul II Awards will be presented by Arch-bishop Eamon Martin.

Damian McCabe (Youth group) will co-host the event.

The Halo Group will run a Fund raising quiz on 20th March in Hagans Bar.

Some of the group are independently raising funds for Rome and their efforts are to be commended.

Trad for Trocaire to be held on Sunday 22nd of March and some of the Halo group are selling tickets for this event.

The Youth group met in Ranfurly House to contribute to the discussions prior to the Synod of the Family.

Life in the Spirit seminars to begin on Saturday night.

World Youth Day in Krakow – 150 representatives will attend from the Arch-diocese of Armagh. Fr Ryan will begin to promote the event among the Halo group.

The Liturgy Group

The Liturgy Group are currently in discussion preparing for the Children's Liturgy.

Volunteers / Leaders have met and are eager to begin, particularly in Killyman.

The leaders have applied for an Access NI check.

The Group continue to enhance the liturgy on special days – ie St Valentine's Day.

The Reader's rota is on the web site – a note will be put in the bulletin to make parishioners aware of this.

The group intend to enhance the celebration of St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day.

The group will begin to prepare for Lent and Holy Week.

Parish Matters

- 1 Fr Radosław provided a brief summary of the events organised by / for the Polish community.

Christmas Party in Ranfurly House- 80 + attended
Polish Community raised over £3000 so that a Polish child could receive an operation in Poland – this was in a response made by Fr Radosław at the Polish mass

Stations of the Cross – every Friday at 7:00, Fr Radosław would like those parishioners waiting outside for 7:30pm mass to come into the church, all very welcome.

He will encourage the Polish community to stay for the mass.

8th March – Tea and Coffee for ladies to mark Women's Day

23rd March, Parish Retreat in preparation for Lent. Prayer

Group for families / couples

Fr Radosław stated that some of the events are not directly related to the church but they are a very important way of engaging with the community and providing a link for those people who would not normally attend mass. The PPC encouraged Fr Radosław to add this information to the Parish website. Fr Radosław welcomed this as he was having difficulty with the Polish website. He also felt that more photos could be added to the web site.

- 1 Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated on 3rd of May @10:30.
The Liturgy team will liaise with Fr Ryan in preparation for the mass.
- 2 The Mission Prayer will be published in the bulletin at an appropriate time. (to serve as a reminder ie not every week)
- 3 Fr Radosław emphasised the importance of prayer for the unborn child .
A short prayer and decade of the rosary is said every day from

the feast of the Annunciation until Christmas. This known as Spiritual Adoption, you do not know which child you are praying for but God knows.

- 4 An evening of Meditation and Prayer for the PPC has been arranged for Thursday 16th of April @8:00pm – 10:00pm in the convent.

Next meeting of the PPC will take place on Tuesday 31st of March at 8:00 p.m.

Outreach Group to prepare opening prayer.

Meeting ended at 9:50pm