

A Meeting of Dungannon Parish Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 8:00pm.

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

### **Matters Arising**

Confirmation meetings have been arranged for the parents of P7 children. Parents of children in St. Patrick's PS will attend on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of April and Edendork, Laghey, Dungannon PS, and Windmill parents on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Both meetings will be facilitated by John Kelly in St Patrick's PS at 8:00pm each evening.

The PPC discussed the success of the recent Pope John II awards presentation in St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015. 300 young people received awards for their role in their respective parishes, communities and schools. Representatives from all over the Diocese collected the awards, namely the Muiredach Cross Award and the Pope John Paul II Award in an event that has been described as "a fitting celebration for the work of young people in the Diocese."

The two guest speakers were Sr. Maire McAteer from Sisters of Adoration and Reparation, Falls Road, Belfast and Br. Philip Mulryne ex professional footballer, now a Brother with the Dominican Order, St. Saviours, Dublin. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Dean Colum Curry presented the awards and there was a great sense of achievement and enthusiasm in the Cathedral.

It was acknowledged that members of previous PPCs would be willing to assist in projects and events in the parish. Dera Cahalane (past PPC member) + Niamh Morgan(student) would be available to promote the awards.

Geraldine acknowledged the engagement of young people in supporting St Joseph's Young Priests Society.

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### **Parish Mission**

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Fr. Johnny Doherty will meet with the mission sub group on Tuesday 21 April at 8:00pm. Dean Curry, Margaret, Mary, Geraldine, Paddy and Fr White. All members of the PPC are asked to reflect on the needs of the Parish prior to mission and bring ideas / concerns to the

Group or through the sub group.

### **Interest Groups**

### **Outreach**

The Parish Visitation programme continues and the group are very pleased with progress. The group have visited 1000 to date. They hope to focus on a new area after Easter and may ask members of previous PPCs if they would like assist in visits. Roger and Raymond went to Louth to share their experiences of the Outreach Programme. They were welcomed and were able to provide an in depth overview of how the Outreach programme works in the Parish of Dungannon. The parish in Louth is much smaller but they were eager to develop the project.. The PPC thanked Raymond and Roger for their efforts.

### **Youth**

Halo group have organised a series of Life in the Spirit seminars beginning on Saturday 11 April.

11th April – God's Love, guest speaker Teresa Lappin

18<sup>th</sup> April – Salvation, guest speaker Paul O’Callaghan

25<sup>th</sup> April - The New Life, guest speaker Fr Conor McGrath

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Receiving God’s Gifts, guest speaker Meabh Carlin

9<sup>th</sup> May – Baptised in the Spirit, guest speaker Dr. Tony Hanna

16<sup>th</sup> May – Growth, guest speaker Bosco McShane

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Transformation in Christ, guest speaker Archbishop Eamon Martin

The Halo group prepare an opening liturgy for Spiritfest on the 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Drumcree Pastoral Centre. This was very well received and the event was a great success. PPC pass on their congratulations to the youth group. The group received a small donation for attending the Drumcree event. Dean Curry has also secured a donation from another source for the Halo Group.

### **The Liturgy Group**

The Liturgy Group are currently preparing for Holy Week. The PPC congratulated the group on the success of The Palm Sunday Liturgy. Preparations were under way for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

The group had prepared a special liturgy for mother’s Day.

The PPC discussed arrangements for the Feast of the Divine Mercy at 3.00pm in St Patrick’s Church on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Parish are very privileged to have the relic of Sr Faustina, Coalisland parish will borrow this for their service at 6.00pm.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

The group intend to run 4 sessions of an introduction to Bible Study beginning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 8.00pm in the convent.

The Cell Group Evangelisation is continuing successfully and the last night was very well attended. The group were pleased to welcome members from Coalisland and this is a good sign for future growth.

The Workshop on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March with Fr Paul Farren,, Derry diocese, explored the richness of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and highlighted ways we can avail of God's mercy and forgiveness. This was very well attended.

### **Parish Matters**

- 1 Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May @10:30. The Liturgy team will liaise with Fr Ryan in preparation for the mass.
- 2 An evening of Meditation and Prayer for the PPC has been arranged for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April @8:00pm – 10:00pm in the convent. Roisin will send a reminder email closer to the event.

Next meeting of the PPC will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 8:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Group to prepare opening prayer.

Meeting ended at 9:50pm