

OUR PARISH - OUR PLAN

2024 - 2029



We can do a little or we can do a lot!

OUR FOCUS AREAS 2024+

LITURGY ENRICHMENT

FAITH
Formation . Development .
Role Modelling

COMMUNICATIONS

BELONGING | COMMUNITY
Spiritual . Cultural . Social

OUR DAILY MISSION

OUR Parish

A Faith Community

One of Welcome and Belonging

EACH sharing our talents to serve God and others

OUR LONG TERM VISION

A nurturing Parish

Committed to a vibrant Community

Encouraging ALL on our journey of faith

Today and Tomorrow

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OUR VALUES

Communication

Faith

Community

Service

Hello everyone,

Thank You for all of your input.

At our Parish meeting in June 2023, we asked you what works well, what could be done differently and what opportunities could further enrich our community. We had input from 85+ parishioners and hundreds of ideas were put forward. Having spent many hours collating and reviewing the suggestions, we are delighted to share a summary of actions that will form the foundation of our Parish Plan for the next 5 years.

Based on what you told us, the Parish Pastoral Council have crafted our:

- **Mission** - what we do each day
- **Vision** - what we want to become
- **Values** - which define our Parish
- **Focus Areas** - for the coming 5 years

We recognise that there is already great work being carried out in our Parish. The proposed actions outlined in the coming pages will add to that. Your feedback has been invaluable in shaping the way forward.

We will need you, your family members and friends, to offer your/their talents for one-off projects or even just a few hours to help. How much of the Parish Plan can be achieved is heavily dependent on **YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT**. Please see skills required and sign-up details enclosed.

We look forward to your involvement, as we continue to build our Parish Community and pass on our faith to future generations.

God Bless,

*Very Rev Dean Kevin Donaghy and Monica McGeary (Chairperson PPC)
on behalf of Dungannon Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)*

LITURGY ENRICHMENT *

A INVEST IN OUR EXISTING MUSIC LITURGY

- Enhance the existing calendar/rota of Music Liturgy for weekend services across the four churches. Look to incorporate:
 - Congregational singing - "He who sings, prays twice"
 - Engage additional resource to share their talents such as:
 - Individual musicians/singers
 - School choirs – Primary and Post-Primary
 - Cultural choirs
 - Traditional groups
 - A'Level/University Music and Voice students

B YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH LED MASS TO BE INTRODUCED

- Establish a Young Adult and Youth led Saturday Vigil Mass, Dungannon
- Create a rota of Young Adult/Teenager Teams to provide liturgy support at this Mass

C CREATE A CALENDAR OF "CELEBRATORY" MASSES

- An Annual Weekend Mass to celebrate (but not limited to) our:
 - Grandparents
 - Families of children baptised within the past year
 - First Holy Communicants and their families
 - Confirmation children and their families
 - Married couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries
 - Priests, Deacons and Religious celebrating significant anniversaries
 - Teenagers/Young Adults doing exams
- Introduce more blessings and services for the sick and housebound
- Offer clubs and organisations the opportunity to have Mass and other celebrations, as well as their Annual Service for deceased members

D ENHANCE OUR EXISTING LITURGY SUPPORT GROUPS

- Introduce additional resources and co-ordination across the four churches for:
 - Readers | Prayers of the Faithful
 - Eucharistic Ministers
 - Stewards | Offertory Collection
 - Offertory Procession
 - After Communion Reflection
 - Altar Servers
 - Altar Society and Flowers

E CHILDREN'S LITURGY

- Explore a provision for a Childrens' Liturgy beyond the Sunday Mass

COMMUNICATIONS*

A EFFECTIVE PARISH COMMUNICATION

- Create a team with traditional and digital communication capabilities to engage all Parishioners in sharing relevant information and listening to feedback
- Utilise the Parish website more to share information and to post a yearly liturgical calendar with Saints Days, Holy Days of Obligation, First Communion and Confirmation dates, Divine Mercy, Devotions, etc
- Showcase existing Parish Groups
- Create a digital Introduction and Welcome Pack for new Parishioners, including the Parish Registration Form, Mass Times, details on Catholic Schools, etc

B TECHNOLOGY

- Join additional social media platforms to engage different age groups
- Review additional technologies that will enhance the Mass service - minimising blind spots in St Patricks Church, improving altar visibility
- Review current online service capabilities

FAITH Formation . Development . Role Modelling*

A PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS

“We're called to be role models for the future generations”

- Further develop Parish Adoration in the Oratory and St. Patrick's Church
- Form a Special Intentions Prayer Group to engage the power of prayers from the housebound, involving them more in Parish life
- Provide access to a wealth of Catholic resources to support our faith development journey
- Host gatherings to discuss making a meaningful confession - how to carry out an honest examination of your life as an adult
- Provide more opportunities to avail of Confessions, encouraging Parishioners to revisit the Sacrament of Reconciliation

B YOUTH, PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

- Build Sacramental Support Programmes for parents and children focusing on Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, in collaboration with local schools
- Create an annual list of Parish projects for participants involved with Pope John Paul II Awards, Muiredach Cross Awards and Community Enrichment Initiatives
- Create opportunities for Parish engagement with our children, teenagers and young adults, in conjunction with our local schools to further develop faith

C YOUNG ADULTS (Age 16-35)

- Set-up a Young Adult Forum reporting directly to the Parish Pastoral Council on initiatives they engage in

D ADULT MEN

- An initiative to be established and run by men within the Parish to support their faith development journey

E ADULT WOMEN

- An initiative to be established and run by women within the Parish to support their faith development journey

BELONGING | COMMUNITY *

A SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

- Outreach Visits - Implement an outreach service to Parishioners in their own homes or in group settings
- Engage in charitable activities. e.g. Sunday collection point for local food banks, providing volunteers to help out at various pilgrimages, retreats or fundraising events, etc
- Set-up a Parish Cemeteries Initiative to maintain graves where there are no family members to take care for them

B CULTURAL OUTREACH

- Create a Translation team for Parish communications to be shared in other languages
- Introduce a second language for certain prayers at designated Masses

C SOCIAL OUTREACH

- Create a team to have oversight of Parish community events/activities. Be a point of contact for Parishioners looking to organise an event or needing space to host a fundraiser or a Parish gathering for various age groups
- Source local venues in the interim, with a view to a Parish Community space being available in the future
- Be the point of contact to ensure that relevant community activities are promoted in the Parish

D OUTREACH SIGNPOSTING

- Promote various retreats and events available across Ireland for our Men, Women, Youth and Families
- Promote pilgrimages available within Ireland and overseas
- Create a referral network of professionals to support our Parishioners e.g. Pre-Marriage, Marriage Counselling, Separation, Bereavement, Drink and Drugs, Health, etc

GET INVOLVED!

Do you have the skills or a desire to get involved in supporting our Parish? Perhaps you know someone who does? It can be simply for a few hours or more.

To volunteer please:

- Complete the form enclosed and return to the Parish office
- Scan the QR code, or
- Visit our website www.parishofdungannon.com/forms.html



Volunteer Your Time and Talents

Please select the area(s) where you could help:

LITURGY ENRICHMENT

- Altar Servers: Primary 5+
- Altar Society and Flowers
- Cleaners: 10 hrs/year
- Eucharistic Ministers: Age 18+
- Music: Instrumental
- Music: Singing
- Offertory Procession: Age 12+
- Prayers of the Faithful: Age 12+
- Readers: Age 15+
- Stewards: Age 16+

FAITH

- Adoration Team
- Adult Women Initiative
- Adult Men Initiative
- Liaise with Schools
- Liaise with Clubs and Organisations
- Special Intentions Prayer Group
- Working with Seniors
- Young Adults Forum
- Youth Work

COMMUNICATIONS

- Communications Management
- Content Creation
- Graphic Design
- Marketing / PR
- Photography
- Social Media set-up and training
- Video

BELONGING - COMMUNITY

- Cemeteries Maintenance
- Charitable Work
- DIY/Trades
- Outreach Visits
- Organise/Assist at Parish Community events
- Translators for various languages

OTHER TALENTS/SKILLS

- Fundraising
- Grant Applications
- Project Management
- Other: _____

