

## ENNIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

29<sup>th</sup> March 2011

#### **Present:**

John Tunney	Fr Fergal O'Neill
Mary Hanley	Canon Pat Taafe
Tikki Daly	Fr John McGovern
Daniel O'Connell	Fr Tom O'Gorman
Fionnuala Moran	Maurice Griffin
Jackie Browne (Parish Financial Update Agenda Item)	

#### **Apologies:**

Fr Tom Hogan , Sr De Montford, Maurice Griffin, Fr Joe Condren, Miriam O'Brien, Sr Anne Boland, Andy Tierney, Sean McDermott, Maureen Hand, Fr Martin Blake.

It was noted with regret that Maureen Hand wishes to resign from the Pastoral Council having served for approximately 10 years. Her input as Member and Secretary is appreciated.

**A. Opening Prayer by John Tunney.** Prayerful remembrance of the late Joan Griffin, RIP.

**B. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising**

Clarifications raised:

Bishop Kieran being consulted regarding the possibility of there being a Sunday evening Mass at cluster level over the summer months.

The date of the Training Night for Parish Safeguarding Reps will be confirmed in due course. Currently the representatives are Monica Gallagher and Claire McHugh.

**C. Parish Financial Update by Jackie Browne**

Jackie provided the meeting with the draft version of the Ennis Parish Development Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

The finalized Accounts will be circulated to all households in the parish in the Easter Edition of the Parish Link.

**D. Correspondence Received**

Letter from Bishop Kieran to the Chairperson of Ennis Pastoral Council regarding Killaloe Diocese's Child Safeguarding Policy. The Parish is asked to appoint a sub-committee to specifically address child safeguarding, and that the sub-committee would report to the monthly Pastoral Council Meeting. New safeguarding representatives are required as the existing representatives have been in place for over 5 years, and their term should be between 5 and 7 years.

It was agreed that the terms of reference for both the representatives and the sub-committee should be requested of Bishop Kieran by Mary Hanley and that this item would be included in the Agenda for the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

## **E. Parish Update by Fr Tom O’Gorman**

**First Penance:** Ennis National School, Holy Family, CBS, Cloughleigh and Gael Scoil completed.

**Confirmation:** Holy Family, Clougleigh and CBS Schools completed.

**Ash Wednesday:** ‘From Pain to Promise’ – Speakers to date have included Brendan McGee, Pauline McMahon, Fr Tony Butler, and Garret O’Callaghan. Generally very positive feedback being received on these talks. Evening of Prayer through song with David Parkes on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Other speakers for Lent will include John Waters and John Lonergan.

**Evening of Formation** for existing and new Eucharistic Ministers took place at St Flannan’s College. This was organized at Cluster level.

‘Do this in Memory’ Preparation Mass for First Communion took place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, this was the last one for 2011.

**People of the Year Awards** took place at the Old Ground Hotel. There was a good attendance.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrations took place at St Joseph’s Church to mark the Feast Day of St Joseph.

**Liturgy** – Meetings are taking place to plan the Easter Tridium Liturgies as well as for the Chrism Mass.

**Mother’s Day** book marks will be given out on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011.

## **F. Parish Groups**

Sean McDermott’s work was complimented for collating the list of Parish Groups which exist. Groups have been categorized under a number of headings, including Welcome & Belonging, Liturgy & Prayer, Growing in Faith, Faith in Action, Youth Outreach, Finance & Maintenance, Administration, Religious Communities, Cluster, Diocese and Networking Regional Resources. Following discussion at the meeting, the list has been updated and is attached. This will be discussed in further detail at the Pastoral Council Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

## **G. Liturgy of Lament**

This is penciled in to take place at the Cathedral on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30p.m. with Bishop Kieran presiding. The Liturgy was requested as one of the outputs from the Parish Forum which the Pastoral Council facilitated on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Discussion took place regarding the scope, form and timing of the Liturgy, including the appropriateness of it being a Cluster event. It was agreed that broadening the scope of the Liturgy from that requested at the Ennis Parish Forum required further discussion. (The output from the Parish Forum is attached.)

The next Parish Team and Cluster Meetings are to consider this matter in further detail before the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

The following group have volunteered to plan and prepare the Liturgy; Fr Tom Hogan, Sr Anne, Dan O’Connell, Sarah Malone, Mary Hanley.

## **DONM - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 8p.m. in the Chapter Room**

Minutes submitted by: Mary Hanley

Approved by: