

ENNIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

31st May 2011

Present:

John Tunney	Fr Fergal O'Neill
Mary Hanley	Canon Pat Taafe
Fr Joe Condren	Fr John McGovern
Daniel O'Connell	Fachtna O'Reilly
Miriam O'Brien	Maurice Griffin
Fr Tom Hogan	Sean McDermott
Andy Tierney	Fr Martin Blake

Apologies:

Fionnuala Moran, Sr De Montford, Sr Anne Boland, Tikki Daly, Fr Tom O'Gorman.

A. Opening Prayer by John Tunney.

B. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

Previous meeting minutes accepted.

C. Parish Update by Fr Martin Blake

Martin provided the meeting with an update regarding the recent liturgies in the parish for reception of First Holy Communion and First Confession. Also the Exam Masses. Celebration Mass held recognizing Bishop Willie's contribution to Education in Ennis. Mass count completed re Sunday Mass. Count for Ennis Parish was 4,800. The exercise will be repeated in Autumn 2011.

D. Service of Lament update

It has been decided to defer hosting this liturgy until Autumn 2011. Matter to be considered by Pastoral Council at that time.

E. Clarification of the Role of the Pastoral Council

- Sub group volunteered to explore the Role of the Pastoral Council over the summer months, and to report back at the September meeting with a potential Mission Statement for the Pastoral Council and also to look at greater inclusiveness in membership of the council as well as its role in the parish.
- Volunteers included: John Tunney, Andy Tierney, Fachtna O'Reilly, Miriam O'Brien, Fr John McGovern, Fr Martin Blake and Mary Hanley.

F. Eucharistic Congress

- National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Knock from 24 – 26 June. 26 Candles to be blessed for each diocese in the county.
- Following return of Candle to each diocese, International Eucharistic Congress preparation to be launched in each diocese.
- 26th June – Parish pilgrimage planned to Drumcliffe, beginning with gathering at Marian Avenue and walking towards Drumcliffe.

G. Child Protection

1 Parishioner – Geraldine Cummins has been approached to take up new role, another representative is currently being sought.

H. AOB

- Adult Faith formation course being considered for those in leadership roles in our parish and cluster.
- Cathedral Choir hosting summer concert in the Cathedral on the 30th June.
- Proposal put forward to the meeting that a reflection on Eucharist be done for 15 minutes of each meeting of the Pastoral Council for the new Pastoral year, given the occurrence of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June 2012. Dan agreed to provide the input for the September meeting of the Pastoral Council.
- Discussion took place regarding the First Holy Communion Masses and the need for ushers at the Masses, particularly because of the crowds present, and the lack of respect during the time of receipt of Holy Communion with background chatting in Church.

I. Date of next Meeting: 27/9/11 at 8p.m.

J. Presentation to Sarah Malone and Maureen Hand – A presentation was made to both Sarah and Maureen for their generous contributions to the Pastoral Council in Ennis.