

Minutes of Ennis Pastoral Council

17th February, 2013

- **Present:** Fr. Tom Hogan; Fr. Fergus OFM; Andy Tierney; Fionnuala Moran; Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald; Seán Mc Dermott; Maurice Griffin; John Tunney (Chairman); Joman Joseph; Fr. John Mc Govern.
- **Apologies:** Tikki Daly; Anthony Moore; Dan O’Connell; Sr. Betty Curtin & Canon Pat Taaffe.
- **Opening Prayer** (Lectio) was led by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald.
John Tunney welcomed the members and thanked them for coming out on a cold night.
- **Matters arising from last minutes;** Apology from Dan O’Connell not recorded. Flowers delivered to Sr. Ann Boland & much appreciated.
- **Correspondence:** a letter regarding the New Garda Vetting as part of Child Protection Policy. Diocese have asked that all who are in contact with youth or vulnerable people to complete new form – valid for 3 years. Choir leaders and Eucharistic Ministers to be included along with Pray and Play groups. Etc. Forms to be sent out.
- **Letter from Bishop Kieran O’Reilly** referring to upcoming Adult Faith Development course “Opening Windows” on 23rd March 2013.
- **Parish Team Report:**
Young People; group of 32 teenagers acting as Faith Friends in preparation for Confirmation in the Parish. Celebration night: Sr. Betty Curtin, Julia Hayes & Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. Preparation for “Ceremony of Light” preceding Confirmation.
- **“Do this in Memory”** and 1st Penance programme for first Communicants.

World Day of Prayer for Sick 11th February: -----wonderful Liturgy. Páirc na Coille Retirement Home -----Group working with Sr. Betty Curtin.

- **Adult preparation for Easter Baptism:** 3 adults – one girl from Germany and a couple from Nigeria.
- **Parish website** upgraded
Fr. Fergal updated Facebook site.
- **Upcoming visit of Uachtarán na hEireann,** Micheal D. Higgins agus a bhean Sabina.

- ***St. Joseph's Church 40 year anniversary***; Special Mass of thanksgiving on 19th March. Old photos; news clippings etc requested also former clergy.
- ***Year of Faith***; talks in St. Flannan's on last Wednesday of every month. Notes and testimonies in Parish newsletter.
- ***Festival of Faith*** in St. Flannan's on 14th; 15th & 16th September 2013.
- ***People of the year Awards***: Old Ground Hotel on Wednesday 20th February.
- ***John Paul II Awards***: Specially awarded to young people who participate in Parish activities – readers, Eucharistic Ministers, visiting old people.
- ***New Cluster Hymnal*** to be produced – about 200 hymns
- ***Chrism Mass*** for the Diocese to be held in Nenagh.
- ***Cluster Penitential Service*** to be held on Wednesday of Holy Week.
- ***Clare Camino Ecumenical Walk*** on Tuesday 2nd April.
- ***Visit of President Michael D. Higgins***: service 45 minutes – liturgy to be provided by primary school children. Short prayers and hymns.
- Painting by Hilary Gilmore to be presented by John Tunney.
- ***Parish Mission Report***:
Prepared programme of themes for each night – a lot of lay involvement and clergy.
- Distribution of Mission leaflets door to door.
- Publicity through Clare Champion; Clare People; Clare FM & Road signs.
- Prayer Wall and young peoples' service each day at the Height.

No meeting in March.

Next meeting on 30th April 2013