

Minutes of Ennis Pastoral Council meeting of Tuesday 25th February, 2014.

Present: John Tunney (Chairperson); Fr Fergus OFM; Sr. Betty Curtin; Dan O'Connell; Maurice Griffin; Seán Mc Dermott; Sr. Anne Boland; Fionnuala Moran & Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Apologies: Anthony Moore; Fr. Tom Hogan; Fr. Fergal O'Neill; Tikki Daly ; Fr. Ger Fitzgerald and Andy Tierney.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Fergus OFM, based on the Year of the Holy Name of Jesus. Reference was made to the blue tile (HIS) over some house doors in Franciscan towns including Ennis.

People of the Year: Mary Corey presented the names for People of Year awards, for the approval of the Pastoral Council – Anthony Moore; Noel Fawl; Geraldine Sharkey; Tina Queally , Anne o'Loughlin & Special Award Joe Boland.

Minutes: matters arising – Dan O'Connell asked that discussion on Diocesan Plan “Builders of Hope 2013-2020 should take place.

Correspondence: Request for use of Cathedral by American Choir for Saturday 10th May 2014. Criteria/guidelines for concerts in Cathedral to be considered eg clarity of concert content.

Parish Team Report:

- ✓ Preparation for Confirmation in all National schools
- ✓ Ceremony of Light
- ✓ Penitential services for candidates
- ✓ Preparation for Lent & Easter
- ✓ Cluster Penitential Service Monday 14th April
- ✓ Chrism Mass Thursday 16th April
- ✓ R. C.I. candidates (2) to be received into the Church on Sunday 9th March at 10.30am 1st Rite
- ✓ Cloughleigh Church RTE Radio Broadcast Mass on 22nd February was very well received
- ✓ Remembrance Mass in Páirc na Coille Nursing home.
- ✓ 1st Communion/1st Confession for 2nd Class in progress.
- ✓ World Day of Prayer for the sick in St. Joseph's Church on 11th February.

Liturgy Group meeting:

Talks for Sundays of Lent at 12noon Cathedral:

St. Flannan's College: Resourcing Lenten Liturgies

Monday 3rd March: 1. Bishop Kieran O' Reilly

Ms Hannah Evans Trocaire

3. Sr, Marie Mc Namara Lenten Booklets

Child Protection

Parish Financial statement:

- ❖ Fionnuala Moran query drop in PEA donations.
- **Group discussion on Building of Hope Plan.**
need for immediate action to formalise plans for more partnership –
Parish Team and Lay Ministry need to identify, invite and offer training
to the lay people with skills for active service oriented leadership in the
Community
- Building of Hope sub group to meet on 11th March at 8.00p to formulate
proposals for next Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 25th March,
2014.
- Need to build on the great work already being done by ordained and non
ordained ministers in the Parish.

Tea / Coffee was served before the meeting.

Next meeting on Tuesday 25th March. 2014