

# **Minutes of Ennis Parish Pastoral Council**

**8pm on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.**

## **In attendance:**

John Tunney (Chairman), Fr. Tom Hogan, Fionnuala Moran, Fr. Fergal O'Neill, Sr. Anne Boland, Tikki Daly, Sr. Betty Curtin, Sean McDermott, Fr. Fergus OFM, Canon Pat Taaffe, Dan O'Connell, Fr. Tom O'Gorman.

## **Apologies:**

Maurice Griffin, Fr. John McGovern, Joman Joseph, Andy Tierney, Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, Anthony Moore.

**Opening Prayer:** Reflection by Fr. Tom O'Gorman

**Minutes of February Meeting approved.**

## **Correspondence:**

1. Complimentary letter received from visitors re all the participation in Holy Week & Easter ceremonies.
2. Letter from Bishop Kieran in which he advocates that parishes & Parish Councils reflect on Papal Document "The Church in the Modern World".

## **Suggestions that workshops be set up- - -**

on the Agenda for the next meeting.

## **Parish Team Report**

1. Easter Ceremonies went well – great involvement.
2. Vocation Sunday –Prayer Cards & Posters. One student for the Diocese in 4<sup>th</sup> Year, Maynooth.
3. Blessing of Babies born in 2012
4. Blessing of Expectant Parents
5. Launch of John Paul 11 Award Scheme in St. Flannan's –A Youth Forum initiative and outreach to Transition Year Students.
6. "God Faith & Me" series –Dr. Jessie Rogers. Attendance disappointing.
7. First Holy Communion CBS & ENS
8. 4 Young People who participated in many Parish Liturgies to be sponsored for visits to Taize and Lourdes.
9. St. Joseph's Church; 40 years; great night of celebration – Photos of special interest.

10. Grandparents Association input at weekend masses 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May in Cathedral with a view to setting up branch of the Association
11. National Famine Commemoration; Drumcliffe Cemetery 3pm; 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013. – Blessing of Memorial sponsored by Clare Roots Society
12. Confirmation St. Clare's School May 10<sup>th</sup>
13. Mass with People with Chronic Illnesses & Disabilities; Wed May 29<sup>th</sup>; organised with Ada Power & Pat Murphy.
14. Vigil to be held at Pentecost; involvement of young Confirmation people.
15. "God Faith & Me" series; Speaker: Andrew O'Connell May 29<sup>th</sup>.
16. Prayer Cards/Candles for People doing exams.
17. Parish Walk Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
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**Child Protection:** Garda Vetting –Filling & gathering of forms ongoing.

**Review of Ennis Parish Mission** postponed until next meeting.

### **New Proposed Parish Office & Centre.**

Jackie Browne & Donal Griffin outlined the proposed new centre with approximate costs involved and new floor plan.

The previous application had received Planning Permission. No difficulty envisaged with new plan.

New plan allows for rooms to be allocated for Apostolic Work Society and a small hall to cater for 40 people approx.

**Comment:** Extra space badly needed for Parish Office Staff, who work under extremely cramped conditions. This new facility would be of benefit to the whole parish. Pastoral Council approved the development of the New Parish Centre:

**Proposed by Sean McDermott & Seconded by Dan O'Connell.**

### **Discussion on how to develop Year of Faith.**

Possible Goals/Questionnaires/Invitations through Parish Newsletter/Mission involvement showed many people willing to be involved.

Need for on-going training & Faith Formation. People need to be asked.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 8pm**