

Minutes of Ennis Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday 26th November, 2013

Present: Fr Fergal OFM. Fionnuala Moran; Fr. Tom Hogan; Maurice Griffin; Anthony Moore; Dan O'Connell; Seán Mc Dermott; John Tunney; Fr. Ger Fitzgerald; Sr. Anne Boland; Canon Pat Taaffe & Joman Joseph.

Apologie: Fr. John Mc Govern; Fr. Fergal O'Neill; Andy Tierney; Sr. Betty Curtin; Tikki Daly & Fr. Tom O'Gorman.

Minutes of previous meeting adopted.

Parish Team Report:

Visit of Papal Nuncio Archbishop Browne; closing of Year of Faith at 12noon Mass.

- **Liturgies during November:**

- St. Joseph's: for the victim of Road Traffic accident

- Parish Remembrance Mass on 1st November – Booklet of all who died since last November.
- Blessing of Graves: 3rd November – Drumcliffe and Corrovorrin Cemeteries.
- Remembrance Mass for babies and young children who died
- Remembrance Mass – 11th November - for those who died during the Great Wars.
- Scripture Talks fortnightly led by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald (25 in attendance)

Advent Liturgies:

Secondary School:

- Ennis Community College & Gaelscoil 12 noon Mass on 1st December; 8th December; St. Flannan's College; December 15th - Rice College; January 2014
- Faith Friends: great response from older teenagers to help in the preparation of students for Confirmation

Cluster Event – Quin Church:

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Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Launch of Cluster Hymnal

Gathering of Choirs - great hospitality

Child Protection National Audit taking place In Diocese

Recruitment drive: Eucharistic Adoration numbers to be at least 600.

▪ **Cloughleigh Advent Programme**

Wait in Joyful Hope -9.30am & 11am Masses

December 8th: Deirdre Ní Chinnéide

December 15th Jonathan Irwin

December 22nd Tommy Fleming

○ **The Church in the Modern World**

Sr. Anne will prepare a piece for the next meeting.

Adult Faith Formation

Urgent need to prepare laity for leadership roles in the Church – shortage of priests.

Need to prepare programmes for shared leadership; identify people who would undergo training in Liturgy, Faith, Scripture and Moral Issues.

Identify and correlate the programmes that are already in Parish; Diocese and National level, eg: Faith programmes of Eithne Gleeson>

West Clare Cluster programme of Maureen Kelly

Talks: God Faith and Me

Scripture programme of Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Taize & Lourdes – for young people

Preparation for Sacraments: Baptism; 1st Communion; Confirmation; parents involved in personal faith testimonies.

R.C.I.A. –lay involvement in Adult preparation to be received into the Church.

✓ **Indian Ministry:** great involvement of Youth , giving youth specific responsibilities.

Sub Committee to draft plan of action to prepare programmes and identify ways of increasing “shared leadership” in Church Ministry.

❖ **Vocations Afternoon:** Sunday 1st December: 3.00pm to 6.00pm, in The Friary led by Fr Pat. OFM

Meeting ended with cup of tea.

Next meeting 28th January, 2014