

Minutes of Ennis Pastoral Council meeting of Tuesday 29th October, 2013

Tea was served at beginning of meeting.

Present: Fr. Ger. Fitzgerald; Anthony Moore; John Tunney (chairperson); Canon Pat Taaffe; Fr. John Mc Govern; Fr. Tom O' Gorman; Fionnuala Moran; Sr. Anne Boland; Dan O'Connell; Seán Mc Dermott; Joman Joseph; Maurice Griffin; Fr. Tom Hogan; Fr. Feargus OFM; and Andy Tierney.

Apologies: Fr. Feargal O'Neill; Sr. Betty Curtin & Tikki Daly.

Chairperson John Tunney and Fr. Tom Hogan welcomed group from Neo-Catechumen movement – Priest and married couple – who addressed the meeting.

They outlined the structures of the movement based on:

- Reflection on the Word of God and putting it into action.
- Building up the Church thro' catechesis.
- Evangelisation.
- Meeting regularly as a group
- Linking in with Parish activities/liturgies etc.
- Outreach to those who have fallen away from church.

Pastoral Team to discuss possibility of a group starting in Ennis. Target time: Lent 2014.

Correspondence: Diocesan Booklet on Sacred Places in the Diocese to be promoted at 3.00 each. 2000 copies of 1st print. Reprint on order.

Request from Cuan and Chláir committee for use of Cathedral for fundraising concert on 13th December, 2013. Permission granted.

Parish Team Report:

- ✓ On-going work with enrolment for children preparing for Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation.
- ✓ Transition year students working as Faith Friends with Confirmation classes.
- ✓ Remembrance Mass for deceased of the year at 7.30pm on Friday 1st November.
- ✓ Blessing of the Graves on Sunday 3rd November
- ✓ Remembrance Mass for those who have lost babies and infants on Sunday 10th November at 10.30am.
- ✓ Liturgy of Remembrance for those who died in Wars on Monday 11th November at 8.00pm. Cloughleigh Advent programme. Guest speakers for Sunday of advent at 9.30am and 11.00am Masses.

- ✓ Scripture Talks with Fr. Ger Fitzgerald . attendance c23 people.
- ✓ Closing of Year of Faith. Visit of Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles Browne on 17th November for 12noon Mass in Cathedral.
- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration meeting in Bunratty. Committee to be set up. Attendance 70/80 from Diocese.. recruitment drive for Ennis with help fro 60 coordinators. Maurice Griffin hoping to set up replacement team.
- ✓ October 31st last day of the Month of Rosary. Large gathering in Cathedral with 50/100 people travelling to celebrate Joman & Ann wedding anniversary.
- ✓ Very successful Padre Pio Triduum in St. Joseph's Church with Fr. Ger Fitzgerald.
- ✓ Child Protection National Office to review procedures.

Cluster Events

- ✓ Launch of Pastoral Plan and of new Hymnal with Cluster choirs, in Quin Church 21st November at 7.30pm.
- ✓ R.C.I.A. programme has begun with Sr. Betty & Andy Tierney.

“The Church in Modern World”. Fr. Fergus OFM. Gave an excellent synopsis of Section 4

AOB.

Following on from Parish Retreat – Council to look at ways to attract more lay leadership in Parish.

Meeting concluded at 10.00pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 26th November, 2013