

Ennis Parish Pastoral Council meeting October 30th 2012 held in the Chapter room Ennis Cathedral @8pm.

In Attendance: Canon Pat Taaffe, John Tunney (chairperson), Dan O'Connell, Fr. Fergus OFM, Sr. Ann Boland, Seán Mc Dermott, Fr. Tom Hogan, Tikki Daly, Anthony Moore, Fr. John Mc Govern, Fr. Tom O'Gorman, Fr. Fergal O'Neill, Fionnuala Moore, Sr. Betty Curtin, Maurice Griffin.

Apologies: Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, Joman Joseph, Andy Tierney.

- Fr. Tom Hogan welcomed the parish representatives on Child Protection Programme; Sr. Angela Mc Mahon, Mary Corey.
Reps outlined procedures – keeping records of attendance of Altar servers. Diocesan rep to meet parish reps to discuss any issues that may arise. Parish reps to attend Pastoral Council meetings twice a year (Easter & October) to report on implementation of programme for child protection.
Reps were thanked for their valuable work.
- Scripture Reading / Lectio Divina – led by Dan O'Connell. Love God & love your neighbour.
- Minutes of September meeting, matters arising, new proposed parish centre to be discussed later on at the meeting.
- No correspondence.
- Parish report given by Fr. Tom Hogan.

1. Various initiatives to highlight “Year of Faith”
2. Personal testimonies of Parishioner to be part of weekly newsletter, under the heading God faith & me.
3. Special poster / banners in each Church. A particular theme for each month, member of Parish team responsible.

Monthly series of talks at Cluster level at St Flannan's College @7.30pm on Wednesday nights beginning on *Wednesday 28th November 2012 with Dan O'Connell*, beginning in *2013 on Wednesday January 30th with John Tunney*.

Fr. Fergal O'Neill introduced “Prayer Ideas” to help parishioners and families, called “7 Faith Habits for the Year of Faith”. Leaflets to be distributed.

Faith Formation 12 sessions; Catechism programme with Eithne Gleeson; Prayer section.

Visitation Group: Ros na Rí, Shanaway road.

Historical Parish memorabilia exhibition being prepared.

November – Remembering

- Friday 2nd November annual Bereavement Mass in the Cathedral for all who have lost loved ones in the past year. Sunday 4th November - Blessing of Graves.
- December 9th Liturgy of Remembrance for all babies and children who have died. 4.30pm Light of Love.
- November 12th Remembrance Service for all who died in the wars.

December 18th Cathedral Liturgical and Historical exhibition of Parish.

Cloughleigh – Sunday Masses in Advent. Invite speakers – Theme: Advent People, Waiting in Hope.

Lectio: Thursday nights during Advent in Cathedral House @ 8.00pm

Secondary schools prepare for 10.30am Sunday Masses.

Gaelscoil - more use of Irish responses in Sunday Liturgies.

Mission: Fr. Fergal O’Neill introduced and welcomed Fr. Seamus Enright & Fr Derek Mescall as part of the Redemptorist team for Parish Mission from 10th to 15th March, 2013.

Fr. Seamus outlined general plan:

- ❖ Missioners in partnership with Parish shared responsibility.
- ❖ Open public meeting – open invitation to discuss concerns, needs, approaches that people feel are wanted for success of mission.
- ❖ Formation of mission planning team – setting out “themes” for various liturgies.
- ❖ Promoting a sense of ownership
- ❖ Generating the maximum amount of energy and co operation in the parish community.
- ❖ 1st public meeting on Wednesday 21st November, 2012 at 7.30pm in Temple Gate hotel or West Co. Hotel
- ❖ Chaplains to Secondary schools to target youth ie. Transition year students – youth ministry – cup of tea before meeting.
- ❖ Fr. Fergal O’Neill liaise with Redemptorist and Parish Team.
- ❖ 3 venues: Cloughleigh; Cathedral & St. Joseph’s.
- ❖ Redemptorist Team to attend open public meeting on 21st November.

Short discussion took place on the proposed new Parish Centre.

- ❖ Fr. Tom Hogan outlined the background to the proposed development.
- ❖ A lot of research had gone into the project over a number of years; meetings with various groups using the Maria Assumpta Hall; visits to Parish Centres around the Country.
- ❖ Proposal to demolish the existing building and replace it with:
 - ❖ New parish office
 - ❖ 3 meeting rooms
 - ❖ Room for Apostolic workers.
 - ❖ Large meeting room
 - ❖ Small kitchen facility
 - ❖ Toilets
- ❖ Cost approx. €700,000.00.
- ❖ Fr. John queried the size of the meeting rooms and would there be sufficient and adequate provision for future parish needs.
- ❖ Further discussion if needed to be taken up at Parish Team level.

Meeting concluded at 9.30pm followed by tea.

Next meeting on Tuesday 27th November, 2012