

ENNIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 22nd February 2011

Opening:

The meeting was chaired by Dan O'Connell as a follow up to the group's discussions of 8th February 2011 (for which minutes did not issue).

Present:

Fr Tom Hogan	Fr Fergal O'Neill
Mary Hanley	Sr De Montford
Tikki Daly	Daniel O'Connell
Maurice Griffin	Sr Anne Boland
Fionnuala Moran	Canon Pat Taafe
Sean McDermott	Fr John McGovern
Fr Tom O'Gorman	Fr Joe Condren
Miriam O'Brien	John Tunney

Apologies:

Andy Tierney, Maureen Hand

A. Opening Prayer by Dan O'Connell.

B. Clarification and Role of Pastoral Council

A number of points were made within a very open discussion, summarized as follows:

- There are a lot of initiatives happening in Parish which the Pastoral Council may not be aware of.
- Input from Parish Groups useful, but we need to ensure meetings do not become too long.
- Review work going on in Parish so that there is a shared understanding of what's taking place, and for the group to identify any gaps.
- Reflection was done on the existing Vision Statement for the Pastoral Council, which pre-dates newer members of the group and which could perhaps benefit from being re-visited in the future.
- It was agreed that Sean McDermott would prepare a document outlining the groups that exist in Parish with whom the Pastoral Council has a relationship.
- There is a need to establish a useful function for the Pastoral Council.
- John Tunney was proposed as the Chairman of the Pastoral Council for the next 3 years.
- Thanks were extended to Dan O'Connell for his gentle stewardship of the group over the last number of meetings and also to Sarah Malone for her valued contribution to the Pastoral Council over the previous 3 year term.

C. Parish Team Report

Lenten Speakers have been invited to the Cathedral – Theme of From Pain to Promise. The initiative was undertaken by the Cathedral Liturgy Group.

Chrism Mass on Wednesday 20th April will be held in the Cathedral – this will be a Cluster Event.

Other Abbey Cluster events include refresher training for Ministers of the Eucharist at St. Flannan's College. Work being done on communication of new translation of the Missal. Consideration being given to holding a Sunday evening Mass from June to September at Cluster Level.

People of the Year Awards – 15th March 2011 at the Old Ground Hotel. Congratulations to all of the worthy recipients.

Sacramental Preparation well under way.

Colaiste: 150 Year celebrations on 16th March 2011.

Training Night for Parish Reps on Child Protection taking place shortly.

Bingo at the Community Centre has ceased regrettably due to the lack of availability of resources to organize this. This is a loss from a social perspective to older persons who availed of this.

The Play and Pray Group at St Joseph's has re-commenced.

Eucharistic Congress (June 2012) – Information available on the website – preparation taking place throughout Ireland and beyond for this www.iec2012.ie

D. AOB and DONM

DONM - 29th March 2011 at 8p.m. in the Chapter Room

Minutes submitted by: Mary Hanley

Approved by: