



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report to Parishioners for March 2022

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on 14th March 2022 and considered the following matters:

- Progress towards “normalisation” of church attendance was discussed, in light of the recent lifting of Covid restrictions. It was agreed that the lifting of restrictions was a welcome development, but that continued wearing of masks in the church should still be encouraged. It was hoped that the Parochial Hall would be opened for parish events in a few weeks time, following cleaning and maintenance updates.
- As part of the world-wide Synodal Pathway, a Listening Evening has been arranged for Thursday, 31st March in the Hall. Members of the PPC have encouraged parishioners to complete the Listening Church postcards and return them for collating.
- Fr. Vincent has offered to provide refresher training for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist, in the coming weeks.
- Among reports from PPC Committees, the Ecology Group has provided tree saplings for volunteers to nurture for a year, before planting in the wild. The Parish Covid Team has decided to discontinue its activities, now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.
- Regarding our St. Colmcille Commemoration, a parish pilgrimage to Iona is being planned, and expressions of interest are being sought. The inaugural Colmcille Lecture is also being organised, and we hope it will become an annual event. Linda Ervine, who runs the Turas project in Skainos, has agreed to give the Lecture and it will take place in the Parochial Hall on Friday, 10th June. More information about the Lecture, and about Iona, will be provided in the coming weeks.

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on Monday, 25th April. If there are any issues you would like to raise and have discussed, please contact any of the PPC members, who are:

Fr. Tony, Fr. Vincent, Vince Murphy, Rose Byrne, Hans Abraham, Raju Varughese and Patricia Kernaghan.