



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report to Parishioners, November 2022

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on 1st November. As this was our first meeting since the appointment of a new Parish Priest, we welcomed Fr. Conor McGrath as President of the PPC. We also welcomed two new members, Noeleen Dunn and Liam Dowds.

- In accordance with the Diocesan Norms for Pastoral Councils, Fr. Conor has decided to reconvene the existing PPC, while also seeking additional members. As part of our continuing formation and forward planning, we will be participating in an Evening of Reflection, in January.
- We reviewed the last few months in the parish, including the successful Linda Ervine Colmcille Lecture, the disappointing outcome of our plans to visit Iona, the departure of Fr. Tony Fitzsimons and Fr. Vincent Cushnahan, and the presentation which they received.
- Among reports from parish committees and groups, it was noted that the Ecology Group had marked the end of the world-wide Season of Creation in September and October. The Hall Committee had met regularly and dealt with Hall maintenance matters. The Living Faith group had met and hopes to organise another Alpha course in January.
- The resumption of Ministry of Holy Communion to Nursing Homes is being organised, and vetting of volunteers is underway.
- The Diocesan initiative, Pathways to the Future, was discussed, and more information about it will be brought to parishioners' attention in the coming months.
- It was noted that the world-wide Synod 2023 will be continued into 2024.
- Regarding use of the church car park, an understanding has been reached with the staff of St. Joseph's Primary School and the Pre-School, who will try to leave space for parishioners to park for weekday Mass. The Schools will be notified when a funeral is to take place and they will ensure that there is space for mourners.
- The provision of defibrillators for the church and Parochial Hall is being considered.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet again on Tuesday 13th December. If there are any issues you wish to raise, please contact a PPC member:

The PPC comprises: Fr. Conor McGrath (President), Vince Murphy (Chair), Rose Byrne (Vice-Chair), Patricia Kernaghan (Secretary), Paul Campbell, Liam Dowds, Noeleen Dunn, Eimer Magee, Leo O'Reilly and Raju Varughese.