

Planning for a Pastoral Transition

Parish Pastoral Assembly 2017

Catherine McAuley Centre, Herbert St,

June 24 2017



What about the Church?,

- Nicky Gumble, former director of the Alpha Course, Holy Trinity, Brompton, London
- **Introductory** 30 min talk followed by 45 mins group discussion possibly on the following questions:
- *How move from being simply a religious service provider to being a faith community?*
- *What are our strengths as a community? What are our shortcomings? How do we do better?*
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Parish Pastoral Structure

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Liturgy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Maintenance Team
- Hospitality Team
- Education and Lectures Committee
- Communications Team

Other Parish bodies:

- Legion of Mary,
- Society of St Vincent de Paul
- Friendship Club
- Alpha Team,
- Faith Conversations group (new)
- School Boards of Management



Members

- Terence O'Rourke, Chair
- Sean O'Dwyer, Finance
- Linda Hall, Liturgy, School BOM
- Des Moore, Communications
- Paul Farrell, Child Protection Representative
- Kevin Cross, Education Lectures
- Marie O'Neill, Health and Safety, Finance
- Frances Godwin, Hospitality and School BOM
- Roderick Power, School BOM

The PPC meets once every two months and whenever other matters require it.



Members

Finance Committee

- Sean O'Dwyer
- Terence O'Rourke
- Michael Sheehy
- Risteard Sheridan
- Marie O'Connor

Joy of the Gospel Funding

- Fr McCarthy
- Sean O'Dwyer
- Fr Claffey

Counters

- Marie O'Neill
- Bridie Connellan
- Anthony Harrison
- David Lardner
- Breege Ward

Collectors for each mass



Members

- Linda Hall, Chair
- Irene Nealon, Music
- Sr Mary Frances
- Bernadette Matthews, Mass Coordinator
- Emer Leonard, Funerals, Mass Coordinator
- Anita Begley, Mass Coordinator
- Marie-Clair Leonard
- Pat Talbot
- The parish has up to 40 readers, ministers of the Eucharist, choir members for two Sunday and three daily weekday masses



led to *Serve*
Liturgy Committee

Volunteers

- Angela Hancock
- Chris Hancock
- Annie Ryan
- Eileen Dreeling
- Denise Sheehy
- Jude Arockiaraj
- Jibin
- Xavier
- Bearnai McSeiridh



Communications and media

Members

- Des Moore
- Marie O'Neill
- Churchservices.tv
- Patrick Claffey

Media:

- Newsletter
- Website
- Live streaming of all masses



Formation Committees

Members Patrick Finn Lectures Committee

- + Caroline Hussey
- James O'Reilly
- Alison Linday
- Kevin Cross
- Marie-Claire Leonard
- Dara Hogan
- Felix Larkin

Usually four lectures every year

New initiatives

Alpha and Faith Conversations Committee

- Kevin McGoran
- Olivia Tyrell
- Sr. Michelle Kelly
- Mairead Burke
- Noreen Murphy
- Kevin Cross
- Frank Kavanagh



Hospitality Team

- Bernadette Matthews
- Eileen Dreeling
- Frances Godwin
- Sr Mary Frances
- Marie-Claire Leonard
- Fionnuala O'Reilly
- Alison Lindsay

*"Share with God's
people who are
in need. Practice
hospitality."
Romans 12:13*



Board Members

- Frances Godwin (St Mary's Boy's School BOM)
- Patricia Sharimalee (St Brigid's Primary School BOM)
- Linda Hall (Treasurer, St Brigid's Primary School BOM)
- Patrick Claffey, Chair of BOM of St Mary's and St Brigid's



What have we achieved since our last assembly?

- **Renewal of the PPC** with the addition of four new members, three women and two men.
- The addition of several new readers and ministers of the Eucharist.
- The monthly **hospitality** coffee morning has widely been welcomed.
- **Improved communications**, notably the website and Church TV about which there has been quite a lot of positive comment
- The **Alpha Course** was a successful initiative in faith formation and there will be follow-up.
- **Living the Joy of the Gospel** has allowed us to have these initiatives. At the same time, it has contributed to a somewhat improved financial situation although serious problems remain.
- **EVALUATION?** Satisfactory, Very Good? Issues remaining to be addressed?



Pastoral Challenges

- **Reduced clergy** - down from 4 priests to 2 with the additional loss of Sr Margaret Mortell who played an important pastoral role particularly with various groups in the parish.
- What are the issues arising from this situation? How do we address them?
- The mass schedule - questions arising for the development of lay ministry
- **The youth/family question.** The need for a pastoral response.
- **The World Meeting of Families 2018** - how do we respond to this and participate appropriately?



The Bottom Line

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Income	230,367	192,992	153,748	179,226	138,325
Expenditure	200,712	207,728	208,545	208,312	167,053
Surplus/ (Deficit)	29,655	(14,736)	(54,797)	(29,086)	(28,728)

Closing Cash	20,669	(71,518)	(56,783)	(1,987)	27,101
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Who is responsible for Safeguarding ?

- Parish clergy
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Safeguarding Representative's
- Leaders of all the different parish ministries
- Everyone

All must work together to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are cherished and safe from abuse.



What is safeguarding?

- the process of protecting children & vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect
 - preventing impairment of their health and development
 - ensuring that they experience safe and effective care that enables them to have optimum life chances
- Safeguarding Means...
- *Creating safe environments for children & vulnerable adults and*
 - *those who work with them.*



Best practice

- Training for all volunteers
- Garda vetting of all volunteers in public ministry
- Code of conduct for adults
- Code of conduct for children
- Written parental consent for children involved in ministry
- Always minister in an open and transparent manner
- Reporting all concerns, suspicions or allegations of abuse of children/vulnerable adults immediately

Protecting **children** is

EVERYBODY'S

BUSINESS

Possible projects

- Ideas emerging from this Parish Pastoral Assembly
- Another Alpha Course
- A follow-up on last year's Alpha with the title Faith Conversation.
- The family as a theme for the coming pastoral year.
- Reviving the **family mass during the lead up to the World Meeting of Families....** Time? People to do it?
- The organisation of some significant **parish family social event** related to World Meeting of Families to bring people together. Time? People to do it. The need for parish family involvement in the creation of a wider sense of the parish as community. Time? People to do it?

