

Newtownpark Parish of Guardian Angels  
Parish Pastoral Council

**Sixty Second Meeting**

on

17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Roisín Drury, Fr Bill Fortune, Fr. Dermot Leycock (President), Ray McNicholas, Michael Morris, Jim O'Boyle, Gay Redmond (Chairman), Brendan Riordan (Secretary), Elva Tiernan, Bernard Walsh.

**Apologies:** Paul Cryan, Eugene O'Connor.

**Absent:** Paddy Duggan.

1) **Prayers** were led by Elva –

2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda adopted as circulated.

3) **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Agreed, signed and released for publication.

**4. Matters Arising**

**(i)- Community.**

**a) Parish Pastoral Centre:**

Fr Dermot reported:

- **Preparations for its opening** were going well and it was being fitted out with facilities that were not included in the contract for its construction.
- **Opening** This is likely to be by *Archbishop Diarmuid Martin* on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October and all parishioners will be welcome, in addition, *Josephine Fitzpatrick* will send invitations to people outside the parish, as well as arranging refreshments.  
There was a **question** of what will there be in this for younger people?
- **Management:** Appointment of a manager by the Management Committee had been well organised and was proceeding.

Gay noted that the Centre would be an excellent place to display the attractive aspects of a Christian community

**b) Listening Sessions:**

Noted: Further efforts to develop interaction and creativity in the Parish would be addressed through:

- Listening sessions to be considered at the December meeting;
- Study of Donal Harrington's book '*The welcoming' Parish: the future of the parish in Ireland;*
- An excellent report on the demographics of attendance at Mass was available and Ray would provide copies.

**c) World Meeting Of Families - WMOF – Dublin 2018:** Gay noted that it was very impressive, despite being surrounded by much negative publicity. He noted in particular that the live streaming of the Papal Mass in the parish church was well organised and well received. In addition, the celebration at Croke Park was great TV.

**(ii)-Prayer and Liturgy:** Gay noted the success of the ‘Alpha’ course and its follow-on in the ‘Faith Affirmed’ group.

**(iii) Education/Formation:** Teaching on **how to pray** was needed, as separate from the formal ‘liturgical prayer’ and Fr Dermot recommended Eileen Foley on how to pray.

**(iv) Outreach:** Fr Dermot reported that in the coming month special attention will be given to the **Syro-Malaba Christian community** who celebrate Mass in the parish church.

## **5) Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding**

NOTED:

- That the Parish Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding group will soon produce a **schedule of when Parish groups would be vetted** covering all organised activities on parish property. This vetting will be arranged via the co-ordinators of each group.
- A document on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults is yet to be published but was expected in the near future.

## **6) Any Other Business**

### **PPC: Composition and Membership**

**AGREED:** That a target for the next meeting would be to have members, who will be continuing to be members in the New Year, volunteer to take over responsibilities for one or other of the focus areas of the PPC’s efforts, namely (i) Community, (ii) Prayer and Liturgy, (iii) Education/ Formation, (iv) Outreach.

Fr Dermot encouraged members to take an active share in advancing the work of the PPC by taking responsibility for one or other of these areas of its work.

Also **AGREED** was that once all this was settled, there should be a notice at the back of the church with the names and photos of members and their responsibilities.

NOTED: that there was a junior council in Dundrum Parish that might be a model for our parish to follow.

**7) Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Monday 22nd October 2018** with prayers lead by **Ray**

lead The November meeting would be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and **Roisin** would lead the prayers

**8) Closing Prayer:** Elva