

Newtownpark Parish of Guardian Angels
Parish Pastoral Council

Sixty fourth Meeting

on

26th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Draft Minutes

Present: Roisín Drury, Fr. Dermot Leycock (President), Ray McNicholas, Michael Morris, Eugene O'Connor. Gay Redmond (Chairman), Brendan Riordan (Secretary).

Apologies: Fr Bill Fortune. Jim O'Boyle, Bernard Walsh.

Absent: Paddy Duggan.

1) Prayers were led by *Roisín*.

2) Adoption of Agenda: Agenda adopted as circulated.

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

4) Recruitment of PPC members: Fr Dermot said that he would call on people to join the Council and his efforts would centre on the Pastoral Centre.

5) PPC Concerns

(i)- Community.

a) Parish Pastoral Centre:

Discussion centred on activities for seniors. The following opportunities for seniors were discussed:

- **A Seniors Club** drawing on the experience and success of such a club in Killester;
- **An Active Retirement Club**, this could grow from its currently small nucleus;
- **Bingo**;

b) Listening Sessions:

This will be a topic for the December meeting, as agreed at the October meeting.

(ii)-Prayer and Liturgy:

The following initiatives were discussed:

- The *In Memory of Me* programme linked to the school with the potential input of Josephine Campbell and her Masters in Theology and Marie Therese Pierce, also qualified in this field;
- A reflection on the parish of the future, to be animated by Donal Harrington and organised by Roisín

(iii) Education/Formation:

- **Alpha Group, NOTED** the success of this group and recommended that it broaden its width of vision and enable every participant to make a contribution;
- **Faith Affirmed, NOTED** the dynamism of this group which could be beneficial for more participants than are currently in it.

(iv) Outreach: RECOMMENDED: that this cover outreach to: people after the end of their school days, people no longer coming to church, people of other Christian denominations or other faiths, people of low income countries, particularly in Africa south of the Sahara.

5) Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding

NOTED coverage of Garda vetting:

- Most members of the Gospel Choir had been vetted;
- Many volunteers at the Parish Pastoral Centre had already been Garda vetted;
- Eucharistic Ministers will be the next group to be covered in so far as they are not already vetted.

6) Any Other Business: None

7) Next meeting: 7:30 pm, Monday 17th December 2018.

8) Closing Prayer: *Roisín.*