**Parish Pastoral Council**

**Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Drumbo, Carryduff.**

**Meeting 28 September 2020 (vis Zoom)**

**Notes:**

The March, April, May and June meetings of the PPC were postponed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. There was no set agenda for this meeting.

**Discussion Summary:**

Angela welcomed all members back to the PPC and then Fr Michael gave a summary of the main changes that the priests and the parish team of workers and volunteers have implemented to cope with the effects of the pandemic.

These changes include:

* Covid Safety Assessments for all parish facilities including the Parish Hall
* New Seating capacity and layout
* New Mass times plus Wedding, Funeral and Christening arrangements.
* Covid Volunteers
* First communion (completed), Confirmations and Reconciliation services

**Action:** Aidan to assist Fr Michael to review the seating layout and the total capacity of the church.

Fr Michael gave members an update of the timeline for the planned modifications to the Sanctuary of the church.

There followed a discussion about Christmas Mass arrangements. It was agreed by members that there will be significant challenges if any Masses are open to parishioners. It is expected that guidance will come from the NI Exec / Dioceses before any decisions will have to be taken.

A question was asked about using the Parish website to promote Direct Debit (DD) for weekly and monthly collections.

**Action:** Maire & Niall to work with Fr Michael to assess DD options.

It was agreed that routine monthly meetings should resume via Zoom.

**Action:** Aidan to diary monthly PPC Executive and full PPC meetings.

**Action:** All members to send suggested agenda items to Aidan by 18 October.

Meeting Ends.

Date of next meeting: Monday 26 October 2020

Chairpersons Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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