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| LOCATION: Parochial House TIME: 7pm |
| PRESENT: Fr Michael Sheehan; Colette Quinn; Gareth O’Hare; Patrick Watson; Geraldine Sproule; Jack Dalzell; Marion Woods |
| APOLOGIES: Amy Murphy |
| **Exceptional Items:**  |
| N/A  |
| Item 1 **Opening Prayer** |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Colette read a piece written by John Henry Newman and reflected on the idea of “What is God calling us to do?”. | NA |
| The reflected ended with members reading the Jesus Prayer.  |  |
| Item 2 **Witnesses of Hope events** |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| The informal feedback regarding the two events focusing on Sr Clare Crockett and Carlo Acutis have so far been positive. The numbers attending the events were good and there is a hope that there will be similar later in the year with the future events. It was suggested that suggestions and feedback from parishioners would be sought and also the idea that this might encourage parishioners to get involved in perhaps driving and delivering other events of a similar nature. There was an acknowledgement of how these two events also helped increase the visibility of PEG members within the parish community. Members discussed the possibility of taking a day to look at the vision of the PEG and indeed the Parish and what the desired achievements would be. | To be discussed at May meetingTo be discussed further |
| Item 3 **Welcoming Ministry** |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Colette will write an announcement to be delivered at all masses the weekend of the 10th/11th May 2025 by three members. It will explain the Welcoming Ministry and encourage any parishioners interested in volunteering to stay after mass on the weekend of 17th/18th May 2025 to meet and chat, over a cup of tea in the St Mochumma Room, with those already on the Welcoming Ministry. Members of the PEG will help with the hospitality at these masses.  | 10th/11th May: Colette to write and distribute to Colette (6pm), Gareth (9am), Marion (11am) 17th/18Th May volunteers – 6pm: Marion, Geraldine & Patrick; 11am: Jack & Colette. |
| Item 4 **Hearts on Fire Conference** |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| This will take place on the 25th and 26th June and the Parish has two tickets for attendees.  | Jack and Colette to attend. Fr Michael to register both of them. |
| Item 5 **Called and Gifted**  |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Colette gave an update on her training which she has now completed – having gone through as a participant on the course and then also completed training as a Called and Gifted facilitator. There is an opportunity to run this in the parish and the consensus was that it would be a very worthwhile and fruitful program for the parish. It was thought by the members that in order for it to be utilized fully planning for 2026 might be the best option – with the period of time between Easter and Pentecost 2026 seeming to be a good opportunity. This would allow for a great deal of promotion to encourage parishioners as the course requires commitment and time. Some members asked if it could be run withing the Parish Family and this was thought to be a good idea.  | Colette to continue to lead with members assisting in promotion, practical organistion and hospitality. Reach out to Parish of Saintfield and Carrickmannon.  |
| Item 5 **Summer Events** |
|  Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| 10th May 2025 – Belfast Philharmonic Youth Choir will perform in concert in the church 4pm-5pm. There will be a retiring collection for the Choir.The Diocesan Census will also take place the weekend of 10th/11th May 2025. Volunteers are needed to guide the parishioners taking part in the Census. 22nd June – Sanctuary Singers which is a cross-community grouping will perform with a retiring collection donated to Harry’s Café, Ballynahinch and Ormeau Road. Although free entry Eventbrite will promote tickets. | Check if hospitality is needed. Volunteers for masses – to be arranged.To be arranged – check re setup volunteers and hospitality. |
| **Youth Ministry** |  |
| Members discussed ways to focus on and involve the youth of the parish. It was agreed that some young people may respond better to more social events. | Patrick to research youth outreach across other parishes.  |
| **Youth/Exam Mass** |  |
| Some parishioners have asked for a mass for young people sitting exams this May and June and it was agreed that this was a lovely idea. It was suggested that young people will be invited to take part in the liturgy of the vigil mass Saturday 31st May 2025 @6pm.  | Ministers of the Word (Maria Woods & Jeevan Bendict scheduled to)Prayers of the Faithful TBAOffertory ProcessionTBA |
| **Eucharist** |  |
| There was a discussion over some occurrences of the finding of communion hosts on the floor of the church after mass. This is of obvious concern and distress. Whilst the reasons are unknown members did discuss the importance of parishioners understanding the reality of Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist which they receive at Communion.  | Fr Michael, Fr Sean and Fr Anish to gently remind parishioners how to approach and receive the Eucharist at Mass.  |
| **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
| Wednesday 21st May 2025 @ 7pm in the Parochial House |  |

Chairperson’s signature Date

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