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| LOCATION: Parochial House  TIME: 7pm | |
| PRESENT: Fr Michael Sheehan; Colette Quinn; Gareth O’Hare; Patrick Watson; Amy Murphy: Geraldine Sproule; Jack Dalzell; Marion Woods | |
| APOLOGIES: Ida Hamill | |
| **Exceptional Items:** | |
| N/A | |
| Item 1 **Opening Prayer** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Fr Michael opened with the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Annunciation ~ Luke 1:26-38 and gave a short reflection. | NA |
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| Item 2 **Events** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Sr Clare Crockett – an outline of the structure of the evening, the presenters and resources were finalised. It was agreed that the hospitality (tea, coffee etc) would take place at the start of the evening to allow time for people to gather etc  Carlo Acutis – planning is ongoing with draft handouts being edited. This will follow the same format as the Sr Clare Crockett evening.  There will be an announcement and invitation extended to the parishioners as it was felt that this encourages attendance and makes people feel welcome. | Sunday 30th March @ 7:30pm  Announcements over Easter weekend – Jack @ Vigil mass; Garther @ 9am & Colette @ 11am  Bulletin notice for 9th April |
| Item 3 **Planning for Easter/Pentecost** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Tenebrae – it was agreed that the service would be held on Good Friday @9pm. For those able to assist there will be a short run through on the Monday of Holy Week.  Catholicism by Bishop Barron – Deacon Brendan Dowd and his wife have taken the Catholicism course and condensed it into accessible weekly sessions. It was agreed that this programme would be of interest and suited to the weeks in between Easter and Pentecost. Deacon Brendan and Pauline will be invited to lead their course on Monday evenings.  Members will encourage parishioners to attend.  Fr Michael highlighted two singing events   1. Ulster Orchestra Junior Choir 2. Sanctuary Singers | Run through on 14th April  Bulletin notice to be placed.  Programme will begin Monday 28th April @7:30pm and run for 7 weeks.  Saturday 10th May @ 3:30pm  Sunday 22nd June |
| Item 4 **Formation of New Pastoral Councils** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| The next stage of the Formation of New Pastoral Councils will take place in Holy Rosary on Saturday 12th April. | Fr Michael, Colette, Patrick & Marion to attend |
| Item 5 **Hearts on Fire Conference** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Fr Michael discussed a proposed conference for Down and Connor to take place in June with limited number of delegates from each Parish attending. | 2 delegates from the Parish to attend |
| Item 5 **AOB** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Welcoming Ministry – volunteers are needed to expand on the successful ministry that has developed at the 6pm Vigil Mass. There are currently 3 parishioners who have been consistent and dedicated to the welcoming ministry at the Vigil mass on a Saturday evening.  The idea of inviting interested parishioners to have a chat over a cup of tea after the vigil mass was proposed – it was suggested that this might allow for people to seriously consider becoming a volunteer in the Parish Welcoming Ministry.  Fr Michael discussed the need for a Chair od the PEG to be selected. Colette Quinn was nominated, seconded and elected.  Marion is happy to continue as Secretary.  A request was made to include the topic of Youth Ministry on the agenda for the meeting in April | To be discussed further with a view to initiating after Easter.  Jack & Colette to begin a trial Welcoming team at 11am.  Colette Quinn was elected Chair.  Add Youth Ministry to April Agenda |
| **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
| Tuesday 29th April 2025 @ 7pm |  |

Chairperson’s signature Date

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