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| LOCATION: Parochial House  TIME: 7pm | |
| PRESENT: Fr Michael Sheehan; Colette Quinn; Gareth O’Hare; Patrick Watson; Amy Murphy; Marion Woods | |
| APOLOGIES: Geraldine Sproule; Jack Dalzell | |
| **Exceptional Items:** | |
| N/A | |
| Item 1 **Opening Prayer** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Patrick led by reading from the Acts of the Apostles and reflected on the theme of the “coming of the Spirit” meditating on what this means and how we as a PEG can be open to this Gift. | Gareth to prepare Opening prayer for June meeting |
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| Item 2 **Exam Mass** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| The details of the preparation for the exam Mass were discussed.  Young people have been invited to take part in the Entrance Procession, Liturgy of the Word (2), Prayers of the Faithful (5) and Offertory Procession (4).  At the weekend prior to the Mass a basket will be at the doors of the Church to gather first names only of exam students. These will then be placed at the altar during the exam mass and then afterwards parishioners will be invited to take a name and pray over the coming weeks for the named student during their examinations.  Small candles will be lit in front of the altar for each exam student who is present at mass on 31st May. A prayer bookmark will also be given to those students. There will be a large exam candle lit in front of the altar by Fr Michael at the beginning of mass.  A series of motivational quotes will be displayed on the screens before mass and the exam prayer will be displayed at the end of mass as it is being prayed by the congregation.  Donuts and soft drinks will be available after mass – a marquee will be located in front of the church for the refreshments. | Exam Mass Saturday 31st May @ 6pm vigil  Members to monitor only first names written  Members to help distribute small candles and prayer bookmarks.  Patrick to order donuts and soft drinks.  Marion will collect donut order. |
| Item 3 **Welcoming Ministry Update** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| The response to the request for more volunteers was positive.  25 volunteers and 4 reserve names have been put forward.  The pilot of the Welcoming Ministry will run until Christmas and then be reviewed.  There is an expectation of a dip in volunteer numbers over the summer moths which is to be expected. | Colette to organize lanyards, names and Whatsapp group for volunteers. |
| Item 4 **Witnesses of Hope** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| The next two dates for the Witnesses of Hope were discussed and agreed.  The working groups from the previous sessions will stay the same with each of the two groups taking one of the future evets to focus on. | 31st August 2025 – Pier Georgio Frassati (Patrick’s group)  28th September 2025 – Helena Kmiec (Colette’s Group) |
| Item 5 **Vision of PEG** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Fr Michael distributed the updated set of POC Norms which have been newly published by the Bishop.  The need to set time aside for the PEG to discuss the vision and way forward was met with enthusiasm by all.  It was suggested that the PEG mission statement needs revised on the parish website and more info re members could be updated on the parish website also. | Patrick to look at dates for a day or half day in which the PEG can meet to spend time on the overall vision and forward planning. |
| Item 5 **Youth Ministry** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Patrick gave an update on some research and insight re youth involvement in parish life.  Our aim is to make faith attractive to young people in our parish. It was agreed that we should ask the young people in the parish for ideas of what might interest them and encourage them to be active in their faith and in the life of our parish community.  It was suggested that the exam mass would be a good springboard for reaching out to young people and their parents for ideas.  A QR code leading to a feedback and suggestion form was suggested as this could be created quickly and utilized at the exam mass.  It was also suggested that we can reach out to the parents of the young members of our parish who have been involved in sacramental preparation this year. | Patrick to create with input from all.  Fr Michael & Angelina |
| Item 6 **Fr Sean Event &** **Sanctuary Singers** |  |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Fr Sean will be organizing a fundraising concert in the Church in aid of Gaza and Ukraine at 7pm on Sunday 1st June 2025. A retiring collection will be taken up after the concert.  The Sanctuary Singers concert will take place on Saturday 22nd June at 7:30pm with hospitality afterwards in the Parish Hall. The concert will be in aid of Harry’s Café (a charity working with young people with additional needs). | PEG to arrange hospitality in St Mochumma room after concert  PEG to arrange hospitality |
| **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
| Monday 16th June 2025 @ 7pm |  |

Chairperson’s signature Date

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