

# **Pastoral Themes and Action for the coming year**

- 1. Faith Development**
- 2. Broadening our sense of belonging**

## **Faith Development**

**The Parish Pastoral Council will help to support the spiritual development of individuals and of the whole parish community, by developing opportunities to pray together and learn together.**

**We plan to:**

- 1. Hold two sacred music events per year**
- 2. Hold discussion on faith issues —key speakers as well as space for discussion groups to emerge.**
- 3. We will discover the best practice in Down & Connor to find the most successful Parish Pastoral Councils and learn from them.**

# **Broadening our sense of belonging**

**The Parish Pastoral Council will help  
Drumbo and Carryduff grow together  
as welcoming parish family,  
where people know each other,  
support each other and  
reach out to those who are in need  
or those who do not know us.**

**We also want to encourage participation in parish  
life and foster better  
communications within the parish.**

**Our plans include:**

- 1. Parish Gathering: with a purpose of being a social event where parishioners can also find out about Parish groups and give feedback to the Parish Pastoral Council.**
- 2. Create and distribute a welcome pack for new parishioners**

### **3. Welcoming groups at each Weekend Mass**

**The Parish Pastoral Council will continue to support the ongoing work of the parish and build on the programmes and events in place from previous years:**

**New Year's Eve Mass 11.00pm**

**Service of Blessing of Homes in the New Year**

**Blessing of expectant and adopting parents**

**Renewal of Vows for those vowed in the  
Sacrament of Marriage**

**Blessing of Families on the feast of the  
Sacred Heart**

**The Service of Blessing of recently baptised Babies**

**The Alpha Youth Initiative**

**The Annual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima  
13th of each month May-Oct**

**The Do This in Memory Programme for P4 children  
preparing for Holy Communion**

**We welcome further ideas for helping the Parish Family grow and in the first instance people can contact the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) though**

**the Parish Office. Please forward any enquiries for  
the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council via  
email to  
[drumbo@downandconnor.or](mailto:drumbo@downandconnor.or)**



**Part of the work of the Parish  
Pastoral Council will be its own ongoing  
renewal through retreat and development days as  
well as the renewal of its membership**

