

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on 21.7.26

1. Concerns from parishioners about the Lady Statue were discussed and it was agreed to move her back from the Altar of Unfailing Help to her usual place.
2. Pia Hines is stepping down from the Parish Council and, along with her husband David, from their roles as Sacristans at St Patrick's. They have given many years service to the Parish and great thanks and appreciation are due to them for their unfailing help!
3. St Joseph's Presbytery roof, St Patrick's church roof and St. Joseph's Church roof all need repairing. This will cost a huge amount of money. Many parishioners are already trying to raise or organise events to raise monies for these works. Any ideas for fund raising can be discussed with Father Reilly or passed to a member of the Pastoral Parish Council
4. Concern was expressed about the numbers on the Children's Sacramental Programme. There were no outstanding issues with the programme and it went ahead very successfully, however we should perhaps be praying that the children of our parish will commit to developing their faith through the catechesis on offer.
5. The Live Simply Group is looking at improving the recycling in the Parish. Already we have identified some areas we can improve. We are also working on ensuring things bought in for the parish - polish, toilet rolls, candles etc. are sustainable and if possible fairly traded. AND we want to do what we can to show solidarity with those struggling in the present economic climate. On Saturday November 7th from 10.00 to 2.00 in the Parish Centre we are holding a table top sale. Tables can be "hired" for £5 and either you can sell your nearly new/lovingly used items or have a table to sell your hand crafted items - to make a little money for Christmas. If parishioners wish to join us the meeting times are in the Bulletin and if you wish to suggest anything please tell a pastoral parish Council member.
6. The SVP is as always looking for two things - to be made aware of anyone who needs help and to encourage people to join the SVP. There is an Anointing mass on Friday 18th September at 11.00a.m. in church; followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. There is an SVP Quiz jointly with the church building fund on Friday 16th October. Doors open at 7.00. p.m. See posters for details.
7. Our Primary School has had a splendid year and should be congratulated on their very good Religious Education Inspection. Our teachers work tirelessly to ensure that the children develop their faith. Many thanks to the school.

PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL ABOUT ANY ISSUES OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING ANY ASPECT OF THE PARISH.