Outcome of Saint Anne's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 3 March 2016 Venue: Parochial House

Ten members attended and apologies were received from six members and Danny Agnew led the opening prayers and Scripture reading.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 February 2016 were approved.

Matters Arising from the previous meeting included:

Communication, Neocathechumenate and the recent Koinonia Meeting

Parish Safeguarding Audit Report

Fr. Feargal said that it had been gratifying to note that the Parish is fully compliant concerning safeguarding and he paid tribute to Philip O'Hara and the committee for their input in this matter.

Formation: Living Communion Book Ch. 3 section 3.5 (pages 34-38) Members having read the section, raised issues around the areas of communication and meeting attendance. It was felt that concerns raised will hopefully be alleviated by reverting to meeting on a Tuesday evening from September and the minutes being issued following the meeting rather than with the next agenda.

Communication Sub Group re-formation

The role of Communications Officer and the operation of the Website were discussed and it was agreed that highlights of the PPC meeting would be included in the weekly parish Bulletin.

Youth Sub Group Report

The group is planning to meet to discuss the issue of youth in the Parish in greater detail. Mass for those involved in the GIFT programme will be held shortly, while Mass for the scouts will now be held after Easter.

Year of Mercy

Fr. Feargal received a letter inviting the Parish to visit the Holy Door and Carole advised that she had contacted St. Patrick's Church in this regard. It was agreed that the PPC will visit on Friday 27 May from 7-8pm, when Fr. John Friel will be speaking. This might be followed by organising a further visit for a larger Parish group.

Parish Dates to Note

13 March at 7.00pm St. Anne's Church. The seven last words of Christ with Fr Conor McCarthy

20 March at 4.00pm St. Anne's Church. Parish Penitential Service

Easter Sunday at 7.00am Inter-church Meeting, The Green, Dunmurry Village.

Followed by

breakfast in the Non Prescribing Presbyterian Church, Glebe Road.

- 29 April at 7.15pm Ramada Hotel, Shaw's Bridge. St. Anne's Parish Spring Ball.
- 27 May at 7.00pm PPC Visit to St. Patrick's Holy Door
- 11 November Annual Dromantine Retreat

Information on events being held outside the Parish are available on the Down and Connor Website.

Walk with Mary

Sr. Mary advised that the Biblical Walk with Mary which will conclude on Friday, had been enjoyed by all attendees. During discussion it was felt that attendance at such events could benefit from being advertised in neighbouring Parishes. Sr. Mary undertook to provide a reflection on the course for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 7 April 7.00pm for 7.20pm (Carole to lead the opening prayer)

The meeting closed with a prayer