

**Notes from Meeting of Saint Anne's Parish Pastoral Council held at 7.20pm  
Tuesday 7 February 2017 in Saint Anne's Parochial House.**

There were 14 members present with two apologies. Secretariat in attendance.

1. Opening Prayer and Scripture reading: Francis led the opening prayers and scripture reading.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting: those of 3 January 2017 were approved.
3. Chairman's Business

A note from Fr. Feargal was read, apologising for his absence at the meeting and thanking members for their condolences on the death of his father.

#### 4. Matters Arising

##### (a) PPC Inter Parish Liaison Officer

Angelina explained that the training provided had been a great opportunity to gain knowledge in relation to providing leadership and facilitation. Some 400 people will avail of this training over the next 18 months.

##### (b) Resignation

Members considered the note from Doug Gilroy, outlining the difficulties he is experiencing regarding attendance at PPC meetings and offering his resignation. Following discussion it was agreed that Gerry should write to Doug asking that he keep the PPC in his thoughts and prayers and advising that he is welcome to attend meetings whenever he is available.

#### 5. Parish Mission 2017 (18-26 March)

The Sub Group had a very useful meeting with the missionaries and details of the programme were circulated. During discussion it was agreed that much organisation will be required for the first night. While Fr Johnny and Fr. Brendan will do the scripture readings, volunteers will be required for various other duties. Fr. Feargal will seek additional priests to help with the reconciliation service, which will cover Easter.

Carole explained the concept of the One day of Continuous Prayer for Families, which will be promoted and circulated a copy of the supporting booklet. Volunteers will be needed to encourage others to take part in this initiative. The programme for each day was discussed and those required to provide assistance identified. A mission prayer for the children in St Anne's Primary School will be distributed, along with Mission Brochures.

Parish Groups have been contacted and it is hoped that their meetings can be rearranged to help them take part, particularly at the Saturday night Vigil Mass. Arrangements for music/musicians will be organised by SR Mary. Angelina agreed to be the contact person for advertising.

Details of the Mission will be placed on both St. Anne's and the Down and Connor Websites. Arrangements were made for photographs to be taken during the Mission and volunteers for distribution of Brochures to homes in the parish.

Mission prayer cards and brochures would be delivered to each of the parishes within the Pastoral Community. Other Ecumenical Churches in the area will be invited to come along and will have literature delivered to them. A few others have been organised to assist the Sacristan during the Mission. A reminder will be prepared for inclusion in the next two Parish bulletins.

The Communication Group will arrange PPC members to speak at the Masses the weekend before the Mission. Hospitality requirements will be discussed with the Ministry of Welcome. Ministers of The Eucharist and The Word will be organised. It was suggested that perhaps SVDP could assist with transport, especially for the Mass dedicated to the sick. Flowers will also need to be organised.

It was agreed that an additional meeting would be held from 7.30–8.30 on 28 February to finalise arrangements.

#### 6. Diocesan and Vatican Updates

It was noted that updates had been received and appreciated.

#### 7. Communication Sub Group

This matter was considered during discussion of item 5.

#### 8. Areas of help for Fr. Feargal and Sr. Mary

Sr. Mary referred to the Inter-church Service for the Women's Day of Prayer, to be held in St. Anne's on 3 March; any help with this event would be appreciated. Mairead McKeown is the contact person and her details are available from the Parish Office.

#### 9. Parish Dates to Note

3 March Women's Day of Prayer 7.00 pm in St. Anne's Church

16 March Confirmation

17 March St. Patrick's Day Celebration

31 March First Confession 11.00 am

13 May Holy Communion 10.00 am and 12.30 pm

10. Date of next regular Meeting: Tuesday 7 March 2017. 7.00pm for 7.20pm.

(Sean to lead the opening prayer)

The meeting closed with a prayer