

**Minutes of the Liturgy Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd February
at 7pm in Holy Family Presbytery.**

Present: Father Paul Strain, Father Paul Morely, Nuala Prince, Mary Laverty, Mark Mooney, Claire McCusker, Ann D'Arcy, Pat McGuinness, Breege McEldowney, Matthew Parish, Michael Devine, Maurice Jordan.

Apologies: Sister Therese

Matters arising:

The need for advance notice of forthcoming Parish events was discussed – a notice in the Parish Bulletin along with posters and display, notice of events to be forwarded to the Hospitality Team

Favourable comments made on:

- The Advent Carol Service [Gaudete Sunday] – this should continue next year, same time and venue
- The large attendance at Christmas Masses was welcomed and well organised
- The distribution of St Brigid's Crosses to housebound Parishioners on the First Friday.
- On-going preparations for the mass with Anointing of the sick on Sunday 15th February at 3pm in Holy Family Church

Masses during Lent:

Holy Family – 7.30am and 9.15am Monday to Friday

St. Therese 10am Monday to Saturday

Friday evening Devotions during Lent:

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm and Taize at 8pm on 27th February and 27th March, in Holy Family Church.

St. Patrick's Day:

Holy Family – Masses at 9.15am and 11am

St Therese – Masses at 7pm [Vigil] and 10am.

Nuala will organise shamrock for distribution. Consideration was given to organising Irish dancing to mark the occasion.

School Ceremonies:

First Confession [HF] – Tuesday 10th March and [St T] Thursday 26th March

First Communion [HF] Sunday 17th May and [St T] Saturday 30th May

Confirmation – Wednesday 25th March at 11am and 4pm.

Primary 7 pupils – Holy Family PS:

A pilot programme will be delivered in conjunction with the Public Health Agency and the Irish Bishops Drug Initiative.

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday – the Congregation to be reminded that the ceremony begins in the Gathering Space, followed by a Procession into the Church.

Holy Thursday –

- The Gospel is read before the Washing of the Feet
- The evening finishes at 10pm with Night Prayer and the singing of Salve Regina

Good Friday –

- The Passion in both Churches at 3pm
- Veneration of the Cross with one Cross only
- In Holy Family Church the congregation to approach the Cross by entering via the Holy Doors
- Stations of the Cross to be led by GIFT 2 participants

Views expressed that more preparation is required when young students are participating in the ceremonies. This concern should be communicated to the adult leaders.

Easter Week – one morning Mass at 10am in Holy Family Church.

Parish Mission:

May 9th – 24th. Leaders – Ceili Community. Details to follow.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th April at 7pm.