

St. Finian's Parish Pastoral Council

Record of June 2021 Meeting held via Zoom

Members of the Council: Fr. Des, Sr. Josephine, Fr. Antony, Paul Moran (Chair), Helen Martin, Catherine Byrne, Sarah McCormack, Maybell Owabumuwa, and Angela Caulfield.

Key Matters Discussed:

Diocesan Task Force established by Archbishop Farrell

The meeting focused on providing the Council's response to the Task Force: Extract as follows:

What can we do now to ensure that we will be a vibrant faith community in 10 years' time?

- Great desire to gather as a community;
- Focus on Mission within parishes;
- Formation of lay people (gather people and give them confidence);
- Youth formation including use of Diocesan resources and Faith Fest;
- Emphasise Baptism – have annual Masses to maintain contact with parents;
- Use of media – on-line programmes aimed at children and young people;
- Focus on Benediction.

What are the top priorities of the Parish Pastoral Council?

- Listening to the Parish community and connecting with them (special Masses for Baptism parents and First Communion and Confirmation children);
- Parish assembly;
- Focussing on young people;
- Faith formation (establishing a liturgical group in the Parish);
- Targeting people who don't attend Mass (while not neglecting those who do) – meeting people 'where they are at'.

The next PPC meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 July via Zoom.