MINUTES OF MEETING OF PPC ON 19 MARCH 2025

Anne McDermott-Butler stepped down from the Pastoral Council as chairperson after three terms. She will be taking on a new role as mentor for the Pastoral Councils in the family of parishes.

PPC NORMS

The role of Pastoral Council, areas of focus, terms of appointment of members, absence of Parish Priest, Constitution and officers in the PPC were discussed. Jane Hodgkinson in her new role as chairperson is to develop a constitution, to be approved by all members and the Bishop.

EASTER LITURGIES

Amanda Morton to liaise with Fr Delargy for music of all services.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION AND PILGRIMAGE:

Four Pilgrim Sacred Heart statues will be coming to the Diocese during the Sacred Heart Novena, 19th_27th June. Sister Kathleen has expressed her interest in hosting the statue in St James's. Amanda Morton will liaise with Sister Kathleen regarding music and liturgy. Fr Delargy also advised that interest was to be gauged in the parish for taking part in the pilgrimage with statue to Saul on 1st June.

HEARTS ON FIRE CONFERENCE:

Fr Delargy informed the group of the conference taking place in the Hilton Belfast on 26th and 27th June 2025. He advised that parish had four places. PPC members to advise Fr Delargy of their availability.

NET MINISTRIES

Fr Delargy is in discussion with NET Ministries about a group of young missionaries coming to the parish in September 2025 to engage in pastoral ministry to the youth of the Loughshore parishes.

LEGION OF MARY

Fr Delargy also advised that The Legion of Mary have expressed an interest in undertaking some home visitation. Date to be arranged.