

UPDATE FROM ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL(PPC): MEETING OF 4TH FEBRUARY 2020:

1. Survey update:

An independent supervisor organized by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee supervised opening of the locked survey box, and counting of the survey papers into piles of 50 by 5 members of PPC. The papers were immediately removed by an independent evaluator -The MD of one of the largest independent market research agencies has volunteered their services as a favour to the PPC. The members of the PPC are delighted to have the services of an agreed trusted advisor to collate the data independently.

2. Environmental Survey:

The independent environmental survey conducted in January by MNE Environmental Ltd, previously circulated to PPC and posted on the Parish website, was discussed. It was agreed that it was a useful input to the process, and it was noted that the survey indicated little conservation value of the site and no obvious threat to wild life or biodiversity. The PPC recorded its appreciation to MNE who kindly performed the survey for the Parish at no cost.

3. Child Protection:

Fr Larry noted new guidelines from the Archdiocese and the Garda vetting relation to Garda ; the Parish volunteers involved in Child Protection were unavailable for this meeting, but we hope they will be available for the March meeting to discuss implementation of the new guidelines and any other issues related to child protection

4. Traffic Management:

Some issues relating to parking management and safety of pedestrians in the carpark and drivers exiting were discussed and possible solutions agreed .

5. PPC e-mail correspondence:

Correspondence received on the PPC email was discussed and appropriate responses agreed

6. Parish Priest's Report:

Fr Larry outlined a number of items which will shortly appear in the Parish Newsletter;

*Play on Dietrich Bonhöffer to take place in St. Anthony's, probably during Holy week

*Need for volunteer drivers and potential uses for Parish bus

*Lions Club/Irish Heart Foundation course in CPR- 2 hour sessions, Saturday 21 March, repeated 3 times
-hope to train total 60 people

*Simon of Cyrene Befriending group-advertise their services

*3-parish trip to Holy Land

7. Mass celebrating members of religious congregations living in St. Anthony's Parish:

The PPC noted the success of the mass last Sunday celebrating the members of 7 religious orders, many of them retired, who live in the Parish. The PPC particularly wished to recognize and thank all those involved in preparing the Liturgy including Bryan Hoey and the choir; and those who worked hard to provide refreshments in St Anthony's Hall afterwards