

St Patrick's Parish Assembly

Sunday
26th
Sept.

ALL WELCOME

Parish Conversations
Reflecting and Sharing
Parish Pastoral Council
Working Group
Call and Mission
Vision
Parish Assembly
People of God
Baptism
Gifts
Trials and Tragedies
Service.

THE PPC

Reviews

Reflect s

Animates

Nourishes &
Nurtures

The Parish
Gifts.

In Lent of 2009 Fr. Martin Clarke began a process of forming a **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** by hosting a series of "Parish Conversations". Fr. Martin's move to Donnybrook brought the process to a temporary halt.

The 'Good News is' the PPC establishment process has begun again with the setting up of a "working group". This group consists of: Thelma Hewett, Kevin Liston, Rosita McHugh, Eric Cooney, Dorothy Archer, Aedán Archer and myself, Fr Michael Coady. The group finishes its work on the establishment of a PPC.

The obvious question is "What is a Parish Pastoral Council and why do we need one in our Parish"? Most Parishes in the Dublin Diocese now have a PPC. In recent years there has been a growing awareness among the **People of God** of the **call and mission** of each individual Christian as a consequence of their **Baptism**. We used to refer to people as "entering the Church" when they pursued a religious vocation. Now we understand the expression "entering the Church" as referring to the day a person was baptised. Each parish is now seen as a place where the **giftedness** and value of each person is recognised

through our baptism and a **vision** and goal of each parish is the creation of a spiritual home where we share in each others joys, support each other in times of sorrow and help to heal anyone who is broken or bruised by **life's trials and tragedies**.

A parish pastoral council should be a **visible and vibrant group** within the parish which encourages and enables all parishioners to feel welcome to join in any, or all, parish activities or to suggest new ones.

On Sunday, 22nd June, the public process was launched and 62 people visited the community centre to hear more from the working group. Also suggestion envelopes were made available to gather information about the needs of the parish.

The PPC is not about the day to day running of the parish or finance and administration. It is not a talking shop, and neither is it about doing everything themselves.

"So what is a PPC?"

The tasks of a PPC are to:

- **Reviews** the needs, life and activities of the parish, so that parishioners can see how they are involved in carrying out the mission of the Gospel.
- **Reflect and Prayer-**

fully plan future direction for the parish and prioritise initiatives to be undertaken. Ensure that the pastoral activities and services of our parish are effectively communicated within the diocese and the wider community. To sum it all up the role of the PPC is about "**engaging the Parish to do things**"

	8 to 7 ³⁰	8 to 10 ³⁰	11-12 ³⁰
8:00-8:30		Arrive at camp	Earth ball
8:30-10:00	Drinking up	Games	Orientation
10:00-11:00	Drum skills	Arts and crafts	
12:00-1:00	Lunch and free play		
1:00-2:00	EPs	Line games	Movie night
2:10-3:10	Signs and banners	Final games	Outdoor cooking
3:20-4:30	Evening prayer	Final activities	
4:30-5:00	Group songs and reflection		

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TIME TABLE:
Sunday, 26th Sept.
2.30 to 5.30pm,
"Parish Assembly"

Sunday, 17th October
Closing date for
PPC Nominations;

26th & 28th October
Formation evenings for
those nominated to the PPC.

Sunday 7th November
**PPC Membership
Discernment.**

Dec.
PPC -Launch

Jan. 2011
Develop the Pastoral Plan.

This is an exciting development for our parish which I am confident will have the full support of all our parishioners.

God Bless you,
Fr. Michael Coady, PP.
St Patrick's Monkstown

