

**Report  
to  
St Brigid's Parish  
on the  
Parish Pastoral Assembly  
held  
24 October 2019**



## The story so far

The **Parish Pastoral Council** ('PPC') wishes to sincerely thank all who attended and participated in the Assembly as we considered the pastoral future of our parish community, incorporating both Blanchardstown and Pelletstown. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide us all as we move forward with this endeavour.

We considered five core areas of parish life:

- Faith formation
- Prayer
- Community Life
- Care
- Celebration

under two main headings:

- what works well
- what needs improvement / development.

A large number of ideas were generated and recorded. These have been reviewed, collated and summarised. Where possible, action has been taken already, rather than waiting on this report or any further discussions. On the other hand, many of the ideas require more detailed consideration before any significant action can be taken.

The **PPC** has noted some clear patterns in the suggestions and is now sharing these with you.

Current membership of the **PPC** is:

Fr Cyril Mangan, Alice O'Connell, Fr Aloysius Zuribo, Ellen Power, Dcn Jim Adams, Jim McKeon, John Brophy, Fr John Casey, Máirín Keegan, Michael O'Connor, Sean Feeney.

## **Proposed Pastoral Priorities**

The areas appearing to be of greatest concern to the largest number of participants are:

1. **Improve faith formation** - with separate plans for each age group in the parish:
  - a. young children / passing on the faith
  - b. older children / sacramental preparation
  - c. teenagers
  - d. young adults
  - e. middle aged adults
  - f. seniors
  
2. **Improve outreach**
  - a. Social Justice group
  - b. Youth initiatives
  - c. People in need (eg our sick, housebound, aged, bereaved, homeless, etc)
  - d. Newcomers to the Parish
  
3. **Improve usage of the Parish Pastoral Centres** (Blanchardstown & Royal Canal)  
With a greater range of pastoral activities to help build the faith community.
  
4. **Improve communications**
  - a. Appoint a communications officer and team
  - b. Sound system (in church)
  - c. Noticeboards, signage, newsletter (in and around the church)
  - d. Web site & social media (outside the church)

## Next Steps

Some items are started already, eg:

- A sound engineer has surveyed the church and the recommendations are being implemented.
- A Funeral Ministry team has been established.

We welcome **feedback** on the **proposed Pastoral Priorities**. This can be done:

- in person, with any member of the **PPC**,
- in writing, to the Parish Office,
- by email, to [stbrigidspcc@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidspcc@gmail.com),
- using the form enclosed with this leaflet.

We are very conscious that all the good ideas generated can only succeed with **the full support of committed parishioners**. We respectfully suggest that you think, and pray, about the proposed Pastoral Priorities and consider to which of them you feel attracted or to which you could apply your talents.

We want to form **teams** to work on each of the agreed Pastoral Priorities. You can be involved in progressing your chosen area; developing detailed plans for it and implementing those plans. We will hold a **SIGN-UP SUNDAY** on **21/22 March** during which you will all be invited to put your faith into action, and to share your talents and abilities, by joining one of the teams.

Thank you for all your support so far.

May Jesus continue to guide and help us as we try to carry out His work, here in our parish.

*The Parish Pastoral Council  
22/23 February 2020*