

# Pastoral Development News

## Diocese of Cork and Ross

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### Parishes continue developing roles for parishioners; pastoral areas evolve gradually in diocese



Before the summer break Kilmacabea parish (Leap and Glandore) completed the formation of its second parish assembly nominating Eleanor Callanan as the Chairperson and Carmel O'Callaghan as the secretary. (pictured left)

Around the same time, Barryroe completed the formation for its first parish assembly (pictured below left) nominating John O'Brien as the Chairperson and Mary Madden as the secretary.

Members of Ballineaspig Parish's new Parish Pastoral Council are participating in the formation programme; Clontead parishioners are nominating members for a parish assembly to replace the outgoing pastoral council while Carrignavar are nominating their third parish assembly.

In the coming months Ovens will nominate their second parish assembly and Drimoleague their third parish assembly.

Dunmanway parish's steering group is working towards establishing its first pastoral council or parish assembly and Rosscarbery is also preparing to nominate a new parish pastoral council in the coming months.

Meanwhile steps are being taken in the 16 pastoral areas towards setting up the pastoral area coordinating groups, comprised of clergy and laity. Guidelines for these were published during the summer.



## *Workshop in Cork with Fr. Liam Lawton*

Liturgical and sacred music composer Fr. Liam Lawton has launched a new collection of music called "Healing Song" - a collection of liturgical songs based on the theme of healing.

It includes music for Sunday Liturgy, music for Healing of the Sick, music for funerals and weddings and music of praise and thanksgiving to God.

In conjunction with the launch, Liam is conducting a series of

choir workshops throughout the country.

One of the workshops is in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown, Cork, on Wednesday October 21st at 8pm. Admission to the workshop will be €20.

Each participant will receive a book of the new music which includes piano and choir parts with guitar chording. CDs of the new music will also be available.

## *Funeral documents to be published*

During the coming weeks, the Diocesan Liturgy Commission will publish 'Celebrating Funeral Liturgies in the Diocese of Cork and Ross: A Prayerful Farewell.'

This document seeks to explore the riches and diversity available as we celebrate Christian funerals; pastoral concerns are at its heart.

It is hoped that by reflecting and acting upon the Order of Christian Funerals, our liturgy will be enriched and the pastoral services available in parishes enhanced.

An accompanying family booklet will also be presented to help families prepare the funeral of their loved one.

A series of workshops for clergy, liturgy groups, sacristans, funeral directors and musicians will follow, as well as plans to develop and train 'Funeral Ministry Teams in Parishes.'

## *Training for parish Baptism Preparation teams...*

Last year after launching our new diocesan training programme a number of parishes participated together in these sessions and are now actively engaged in this parish ministry.

In the autumn, the parishes of Frankfield and Douglas will be training new parish baptism preparation teams together to assist in preparing with families who are requesting baptism for their child.

Perhaps your parish is considering setting up such a team in the coming months - if so, we will be offering a course in spring 2010 in the city/surrounding area for parishes who are interested in training people to start a new team or to renew an existing team.

Please contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 4537604 if you are interested in participating in this training.

## *Who is my Neighbour?*

This is a resource evening for members of Pastoral Councils and Parish Assemblies and all who work in the Ministry of Welcome and Community Care.

The workshop is in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Western Road, Cork. on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7.30pm -9.00pm

It is presented by Pat Sheehan from the Pastoral Development Office.

Registration information is circulated to secretaries.

## *Year for priests*

Pope Benedict has declared a "Year for Priests". What can your parish do? Ideas for pastoral action are on our website: [www.corkandross.org/pastoral](http://www.corkandross.org/pastoral)

## *About this mailing*

The newsletter is sent to all clergy with appointments in the diocese and to secretaries of parish assemblies and parish pastoral councils.

You will also have received enclosures, including a calendar of events and liturgical dates which will be of use to parishes in planning their activities for the coming year.

Secretaries are kindly requested to make copies of the newsletter and the calendar and to make them available to members of the parish assemblies and councils.

Both are also available for easy download as PDF files on the website

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## *Family and faith...*

Over recent months a number of parishes have talked to us about how to engage actively with young families in handing on the faith as parents in today's society.

To help explore this important question further and to help in preparing some resources for you we will be inviting parish assembly and pastoral council members to meet with us in two sessions - one in the city/suburbs and one in the west of the diocese to discuss what are the needs.

What can we offer to parents/parishes? How can we support parents in handing on the faith to their children? Invitations to the meetings will be sent to you in due course...