

## FOXFORD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### UPDATE FROM MEETING DATED 25/01/2024.

<b>Attendees:</b>	Fr. Pdraig Costello, Michael Lavin (Chairman), Donal Reilly, Laura Giblin, Angela Neary, Helen Clarke, Annie Murray.  <b>Apologies:</b> Geraldine Carroll, Geraldine Brett, Willie O'Hara, Aoife Burke, Annie Burke, Kathleen Ruane, Mary Doherty.
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- **Parish Pastoral Council information on website:** The names of pastoral council members and a link to send the Pastoral Parish Council a message will be made available on the parish website. Updates from the Parish Pastoral Council Meetings will also be made available on the website.
- **Painting of St. Michael's Church:** It is hoped that St. Michael's will be painted in May 2024.
- **Confirmation Programme:** Training for leaders of the confirmation programme will take place next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The confirmation programme will run for the following 5 weeks from 8-9pm. Confirmation Day is March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **First Holy Communion Programme:** The next Children's Mass will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> February. The final training night for the parents of the First Holy Communion Programme is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.
- **Letter Received from the Pastoral Leadership Team:** Some of the main points from this letter included the following:
  - **Lay Involvement in Funeral and Baptismal Ministries:** Teams of Lay People will be asked to take part in and be trained in funeral and baptismal ministries.
  - **Liturgy for Engaged Couples and those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries:** Bishop Paul will lead a liturgy of blessing for engaged couples and those celebrating significant anniversaries (10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 years) in the Cathedral on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. All are welcome.
  - **Youth Ministry: Lourdes:** A Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July. It is requested that 2 young people (age 18-30) from our Cluster are selected to go on the pilgrimage. **Youth Day 2024:** A Croagh Patrick Climb with the youth of our diocese will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. **Pope John Paul II Awards:** An Award Ceremony will take place in the Cathedral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. 43 young people from across our Diocese will be receiving awards for their work in parishes over the past year– there will be 3 students from St. Josephs Secondary School in Foxford receiving awards.