

FOXFORD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 16th, 2026

Attendees	Fr Padraig Costello, Angela Neary, Geraldine Carroll, Michael Lavin, Annie Burke, Helen Clarke, Willie O'Hara, Kathleen Ruane, and Mary Doherty
Apologies	Laura Giblin, Annie Murray, Geraldine Brett, Donal Reilly and Aoife Bourke

Parish News:

Recent events held in the parish and diocese were discussed:

- There were 5 masses celebrated across the 3 Churches for Christmas Day to facilitate the large number of parishioners and visitors attending masses.
- Christmas Newsletters, Calendars and Offertory envelopes were distributed with the help of many parishioners.

Upcoming events in the parish and diocese were discussed:

- Ash Wednesday falls on 18th February and masses will be celebrated at 8am in the Convent Chapel and at 10am in St Michaels Church.
- An information and training session for a new catechetical initiative '*Come Follow Me, Faith and Fun Club*' is being offered in Sligo on 27th and 28th February. A number of CFM F&F Clubs have been established in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses and it hoped that further clubs will emerge following the session in Sligo.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 7th March in St Michaels Church, preceded by a reconciliation service on 3rd March.
- St Patricks Day masses will be celebrated at the same times as for the Sunday masses.
- First Confessions for the First Holy Communion children will take place on 24th March, and the First Holy Communion will be celebrated on 9th May.
- The Easter Ceremonies will commence with the celebration of the Holy Thursday mass on 2nd April. The mass will also include the "Do This in Memory" preparation for First Holy Communion children.
- The 6th Year Graduation Mass is planned for 21st May.

Diocesan Synodal Team:

- During Lent, parishes, schools and groups are invited to journey through a set of reflective resources inspired by *Baptised and Sent* (A synodal document). Themes explored include belonging, healing, renewal and mission, grounded in the conviction that baptism is the entry point to a life of faith. Links to the resources are available on the Foxford Parish website.