

FOXFORD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 16th, 2025

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

Parish News:

Recent events held in the parish and diocese were discussed:

- First Confessions for the First Holy Communion children took place on 8th April, followed by their First Holy Communion on 10th May.
- The Easter Cermonies were discussed which included the Chrism Mass in the Ballaghadereen Cathedral, Holy Thursday mass in St Michaels, Good Friday ceremonies and Stations of the Cross in St Michaels, blessing of Polish Food and the Easter Sunday Cermonies in Toomore, Attymachugh and in St Michaels all went very well and were well attended. Due to the inclement weather, the Stations of the Cross took place in St Michaels, instead of taking place on the way to Braid.
- More help in organising the readers for the Holy Week would greatly assist Fr Padraig, the Pastoral Council will oversee the organisation of readers in 2026.
- The 6th Year Graduation Mass took place on 22nd May.
- Fr Padraig's Golden Jubilee mass was celebrated on 1st June, followed by refreshments served in the Sports and Leisure Centre. The celebrations were a huge success and enjoyed by all who were in attendance.
- A celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation 'Penance at Pentecost' took place on 8th June in St Michaels Church.

Upcoming events in the parish and diocese were discussed:

- Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd June.
- Commissioning of the Baptismal Teams will take place in Ballaghadereen Cathedral on 27th June.
- The Cemetery Masses are planned as follows: 4th July in Churchpark at 7pm, 1st August in Glanduff (time to be decided), 2nd Aug in Toomore at 6pm, and 3rd August in Craggagh at 11am.
- Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving will take place in Ballaghadereen Cathedral on 26th September at 7.30pm.

Other Items:

- It is planned to have allocated parking areas adjacent to St Michaels Church for disabled drivers or drivers with reduced mobility. It is anticipated that this will be completed when the carpark is being resurfaced.