

FOXFORD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 3rd, 2024

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

Parish News:

Recent events held in the parish were discussed:

- First Holy Communion Mass on May 4.
- Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass on May 23.
- Cana Talks with Laura and Stephen Giblin in TF Royal Theatre on May 31.
- Rosary at the Grotto on Tuesdays and Thursdays during May.
- Corpus Christi Procession on June 2.
- Painting of the interior of St. Michaels Church.

Upcoming events in the parish were discussed:

- School masses for the beginning of the school year:
 - Mass for the Secondary School will be celebrated on Sep 18 at 12 in St Michaels Church. Bishop Doran will be present to co-celebrate the mass.
 - No date has been set yet for the National School.
- The Annual Remembrance Mass for parishioners who have died in the last year will take place on Nov 8 at 7pm in St Michaels Church.
- Blessing of Toddlers will take place in November, no date has been decided yet.
- The Do This In Memory First Communication programme will commence shortly.
- It is planned to form a Youth Choir. Interest has been expressed by the 5th and 6th class students in the National School.

Synodality:

- In line with Diocesan recommendations, it is hoped to have a Baptism team in the Parish. The team will help the local priest in preparing parents for the joyful celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of their child. Volunteers are required to take part in a short training programme. From 2025 it is planned that Baptisms will take place in St Michaels Church on one or perhaps two weekends per month. Alternatively, parents may wish to have the Baptism take place during one of the weekend masses which would be very welcome. If you are willing to become part of the Baptism team, please contact Fr Padraig or any member of the Parish Council by Sep 27th.

- Initial Synodal Meetings across Achonry and Elphin Dioceses are being held to help us identify the questions that need to be addressed and how we might approach them constructively as we work together towards a closer union within Achonry and the Elphin Diocese. Parish Councils members are asked to attend where possible the meeting on Wednesday 18th September in Park Hotel, Kiltimagh from 7pm to – 9pm.

Other Events and Items Discussed:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Michaels Church will take place after the morning mass from 10.30 am to 11.30am on Tuesdays.
- The relics of St Bernadette will be visiting all Dioceses in Ireland during September and October.
- The Finance Committee are looking for new members. Also, additional counters for the weekly collections are required. If you wish to help, please contact Fr Padraig or any member of the Parish Council.