

MEETING MINUTES PEG



Parish Engagement Group at the church of the
Sacred Heart of Mary in the
Parish of Drumbo & Carrvduff

DATE:

Tues 27th Jan 2026

TIME:

7:30 pm

FACILITATOR:

PEG Drumbo & Carryduff

IN ATTENDANCE

Colette Quinn, Conal Gallagher,
Geraldine Sproule, Marion Woods, Marian
McKinney, Fr Michael, Gareth O'Hare
(Apologies Jack Dazel)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting in November
approved

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Welcome to the PEG Marian McKinney
Opening Prayer & Reflection – Geraldine Sproule (G O'Hare to so next one)
(Fr Michael & Marion, joining meeting late due to attendance at Confirmation planning)

MATTERS ARRISING

The advent season was particularly busy. Whilst all are agreed that the season was a great success and many positive comments on hospitality, there are items that need revised for Advent 2026. The following was mentioned:

Does the PEG continue to provide hospitality for the first Sunday of advent, traditionally the Carol service from all choirs & folk groups. Suggested perhaps the knights could do this or another group. Welcoming was mentioned also – for future discussion.

The 2nd and 3rd Sunday went well, as did the 4th. However, it was identified on the last Sunday of advent that the queues for confessionals were particularly busy and confusing for parishioners. The suggestion is that we allocate some members of PEG (or other) to physically conduct the queuing system and allocate another area of the church for returning from the confessional to penance prayers, this would alleviate some confusion.

It was also mentioned that no one other than serving PEG members should be in the kitchen at any time during any hospitality event. It can be particularly busy at times and with hot mulled wine and boiling water etc. Fewer bodies should be in the kitchen as it potentially was an accident waiting to happen.

Omitted from planning was "New Years Eve" and the "Epiphany". This meant more work for father, and we had genuinely overlooked this event. To be included in future.

Also, movement of Christmas decorations, advent wreath etc. from parochial house to church needs planned. Helpers are organised to set decorations up but also need directed to collect and install. Not a direct PEG responsibility but the intention is to reduce burden on father.

More careful planning needs to be around who sets up laptop for all of these masses, it was overlooked.

All to be discussed, reviewed and organised in more detail in November 2026

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

The PEG wished to send a massive congratulations to the parish secretary, Angelina for organizing and running a truly wonderful and successful event on Saturday 6th December 2025 in the St. Joesphs Parish Hall. Well done, Angelina, it was excellent. We wish also to congratulate Mr & Mrs. Clause, and the elves, on making the event so magical for the young people in the parish. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE REVIEW

Colette created a review questionnaire after 6 months of welcoming committee at the church doors. All questionnaires and analysis is to be carried out next week and preliminary feedback is very positive.

LENT & PRAYER WARRIORS

Colette suggested several meetings ago a "prayer warrior group". With fathers' permission she wishes to start this during the upcoming **lent** weekdays. Adoration is to take place also. Info is to be included in bulletin, at mass and on website. CQ to follow up.

SYCAMORE appeared in the bulletin lately and will be hosted at the Sacred Heart Centre, Saintfield.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO VOLUNTEERS

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NEW BUSINESS

- Recap of Back-to-School night – September 9
- Parent Education Programs – Counselors
- Teacher Grants Application Process – School Principal

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership
- Volunteers
- Newsletter
- Computer Support

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING

10th March 2026 7pm