

Parish Engagement Group
Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Drumbo, Carryduff.

MINUTES 15th September 2025

LOCATION: Parochial House	
TIME: 7pm	
PRESENT: Colette Quinn; Patrick Watson; Jack Dalzell; Marion Woods	
APOLOGIES: Fr Michael Sheehan; Gareth O’Hare; Geraldine Sproule	
Exceptional Items:	
N/A	
Item 1 Opening Prayer	
Notes of Discussion	Action/s
Colette opened with a reflection on how Jesus spent the night in prayer often before big moments in his mission. Big decisions require big prayer	
Item 2 PEG Vision	
Notes of Discussion	Action/s
<p>In reviewing the past year it was agreed that several events could be kept as yearly parish events.</p> <p>Parishioners have also given feedback and in particular the Welcoming Committee has been received as a positive and beneficial initiative in the parish. The Welcoming Committee will have a review in January and an evaluation form will also go out to parishioners.</p> <p>A conversation took place regarding Access NI and whether it would be useful to have members pursue this if youth events are to be facilitated</p> <p>The membership of the PEG will be made available to parishioners as a way of increasing visibility. Members are still keen to have a planning session to further the vision of the PEG</p>	<p>Follow up</p> <p>Patrick to contact Tobar Mhuire and also create a poll for members regarding potential dates for planning session</p>
Item 3 Hearts on Fire Conference	
Notes of Discussion	Action/s
<p>Colette and Jack gave feedback from the Hearts on Fire Conference which they found inspirational.</p> <p>Key thoughts related:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to how to evangelise within a parish; 2) Serving the parish <p>It was agreed that much of what was gleaned from the Hearts on Fire Conference would feed into the planning session to be organized.</p>	<p>Further development</p>

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Item 4 Parishioners proposals and requests	
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<p>Joe Swail has emailed the PEG to offer his experience in facilitating “Conversations in the Spirit” and also more widely parish programmes focusing on the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Bibles for Babies – a parishioner forwarded some promotional material for an initiative which would see parents with new babies provided with a children’s bible for their child.</p> <p>A parishioner suggested an annual mass in collaboration with Carryduff GAC.</p> <p>Members also discussed the idea of building on the youth exam mass and developing a more regular youth mass.</p> <p>A conversation amongst members took place regarding other ways to engage youth – in line with the safeguarding considerations, specifically around faith formation programmes such as “The Search” and Ascension Press programmes.</p>	<p>Follow up with Joe Swail</p> <p>Discuss further with Fr Michael</p> <p>To be discussed further</p> <p>Contact Parish Safeguarding team</p>
Item 5 New Members for PEG	
Notes of Discussion	Action/s
<p>Some parishioners have been approached by members to see if they would be interested in joining the PEG. Conal Gallagher’s nomination as a member was agreed. Due to the development of the Family of Parishes no further membership is required currently pending collaboration with the parishioners of Saintfield and Carrickmannon.</p> <p>It was agreed that the past year of events in the parish has revealed plenty of volunteers for events including hospitality volunteers but not necessarily availability for joining the PEG.</p> <p>Alongside this is the development of the Family of Parishes which will see Drumbo & Carryduff merge with Saintfield and Carrickmannon. This will mean that parishioners of Saintfield & Carrickmannon will link with the current PEG</p>	
Item 6 Parish Christmas Event	
Notes of Discussion	Action/s
<p>The parish will host a Christmas event on 6th December 2025 from 12 noon to 4pm in the Parish Centre.</p>	<p>Follow up with potential volunteers</p>

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Youth Christmas crafts – available for the children of the parish but volunteers are needed to supervise.	
Date of Next Meeting	
Tuesday 13 th October 2025 @ 7pm	

Chairperson’s signature

Date
