

**MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
DUNSFORD AND ARDGLASS**

DATE: 28 October 2024

PRESENT:

Fr McCloskey (FrMcC) – President

Sean McAlea (SMcA) – Prayer leader

Meave Gilchrist (MG) – (Downpatrick Pastoral Community Forum {DPCF} Rep) – Chairperson

Carmel Doherty (CD) – Secretary

Jeannette Hunter (JH) and Barbara McConvey (BMcC)

AGENDA POINT	DETAILS:	ACTION BY:
1	Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by SMcA	
2	Apologies: Bernie Wilkinson (BW)	
3	Mission Statement: MG read the mission statement for reflection by the Council.	
4	Adoption of Minutes: The adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting of 9 September 2024 was proposed by BMcC and seconded by JH	
5	Matters Arising:	
5.1	Distribution of the Eucharist: FrMcC was asked if there was any update regarding Eucharistic ministers assisting with attending the sick and housebound. FrMcC advised that he is working on drawing up a list.	
5.2	Pathways to the Future: FrMcC advised the members that Pathways to the Future has been Incorporated into Living Church which will be stepped down. It is hoped that next year there will be 2 members of the group who will be available to train potential parish pastoral council members. It is anticipated that there will be advertisement about this next month with a view to starting training in January 2025.	
6	November Mass for Deceased Parishioners: Proposed date for the Mass for parishioners, deceased during the past year, is Monday 25 November 2024. As usual the Bethany group will organise the Mass.	
7	AOB:	
7.1	Visitation to nursing homes with Eucharist: The procedure for administering the Eucharist in nursing homes was discussed; Fr will attend with the managers of the homes to discuss improving arrangements.	

7.2	A brief discussion took place regarding the final synod document, FrMcC referred members to the availability of the final document on the internet.	
8	Date of Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting was agreed for Monday 2 nd December 2024 at 7pm in the meeting room.	
9	The closing prayer was led by SMcA	