



**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
ARDMORE**

PARISH GROUPS



Thanks and why not sign up to a group.

Our heartfelt appreciation be with all who are not alone members of our Parish community but also with those who assist the Parish in and through the aforementioned Parish Groups. It is encouraging to see so many actively participating in Parish life, enriching the parish life. Sometimes, people think that particular groups are closed shops and are not open to new members. This is not so, most are open to all who want to be member. We had our first Open Day this year 2014 on the 1st/2nd March in the Ardmore Pastoral Centre entitled, 'Parish Fayre'. All the Parish groups set up tables displaying what they do etc and were open to take names of new members. At the Mass that weekend and the following Sunday, members of the named organisations carried up their standards in procession and placed them in front of the altar. I also blessed these standards, representing their organisations and their members at a weekday Mass.

Our thanks to all who assisted in the preparation of the Fayre and those who came as well as those who have signed up to whichever organisation. It always heartens members to see new members joining, so if you feel you would like to join a group, do not hesitate to ask and I'm sure there will be a warm reception for you.

If you feel that you would like join please feel free to enquire and offer your God given gift for the good of the Ardmore Parish Community.

Yours Truly

*Neil Farren
P.P. Ardmore.*



Ardmore Parish Prayer

O Jesus,

Help us as the parish of

ARDMORE

To make you the centre of our lives.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit

Help us to repent

Of the wrongs we have done,

That we may be refreshed in spirit

And renewed in hope.

Through that same Spirit,

Help us to be good to one another

And to be faithful to you,

As we live out our vocations;

Married or separated, single, priest or religious –

So that our homes and our parish

May be filled with your presence

And be powerful sources

Of your peace. Amen



Ardmore Parish St Joseph's Young Priests Society

01. When was you group established?

25th February 2003.

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish?

Two Fold. 1. Fostering vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

2. To assist students financially for the Priesthood.

03. When do you Meet?

3rd Wednesday of each month.

04. Where do you Meet?

Ardmore Pastoral Centre

05. What exactly does your work involve?

Pray for vocations at our Ardmore Branch.

Assisting clerical students financially and attending Diocesan Meetings. The Congress meetings and the Annual Natonal Pilgrimage to Knock which is on the 4th Saturday of June. We say the Rosary before Mass at Ardmore every Wednesday.

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

14 Members.

07. Have you a Committee.

Yes

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities.

Contact Member or attend Meeting (as above)

09. Who is the contact Person?

Kathleen Chambers. Tel 71347833.



Foreword.

I welcome this Pastoral Council Initiative. The data included has been collated by the Pastoral Council in the last few months. Other groups may yet form in the year ahead and are not yet included in full such as the Pastoral Council Water Jars, 'Youth'. 'Ecumenism' 'Justice and Social Issues', which will be established in the coming year. The present booklets shows the great number of individuals already involved in participating in the life of the Parish. It is our hope than many others will step forward and take their place in this great voluntary effort on behalf of all parishioners. Every blessing be upon all involved at this time and all in our Parish Community.

Rev Neil Farren

P.P. Ardmore.

49, Ardmore Rd,

Derry



Ardmore Parish Pope John Paul 2 Award.

01. When was your group established?

The scheme aided at students in Post Primary Schools, was launched in the Derry Diocese in 2006.

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To commemorate the late Pope John Paul 2 who was so committed to young people and who showed such a belief and confidence in them. The scheme encourages young people to take an active part in the life of their local Church community and society. Its aim is to make participants more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world around them.

03. When do you Meet?

As arranged.

04. Where do you Meet?

As arranged.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

The work of the leaders involves guiding the young in Year 13 to become more involved in their parishes and to consequently increase their social skills and their social awareness. Students make a commitment to give up a certain amount of their time each week to working in various parish and local community activities. Students who successfully complete the scheme can gain awards at Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels.



Ardmore Parish Adoration Ministry

01. When was your group established?

2012

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To be in the presence of Christ before the blessed Sacrament and pray for our Parish and family communities as well as our own needs. Being a prayerful people before our God.

03. When do you Meet?

Most Fridays of the Year from 10.30am – 6pm

04. Where do you Meet?

St Mary's Church, Ardmore.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

*One hour prayerful adoration in the Church.
Setting up adoration table every Friday morning.
Maintaining and reviewing the Book of Adorers.
Making relevant literature is made available for adorers.*

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

60-80.

07. Have you a Committee?

Yes

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

Talk to current members or contact Parish Office or add name to book of adorers at back of Church on Fridays or contact member as below.

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Catherine Montgomery Tel 07730773101



Ardmore Parish. Pastoral Council Water Jar 5.
'Social Issues and Justice'

01. When was your group established?

To be established in 2015

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To foster human dignity, equality of esteem and Peace in our Parish Community.

03. When do you Meet?

To be established

04. Where do you Meet?

Will be at Ardmore Pastoral Centre

05. What exactly does your work involve?

To be established

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

To be established

07. Have you a Committee?

To be established

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?

Ardmore Parish Office

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Parish Office Tel 71349490. or



Ardmore Parish Bowling Club.

01. When was your group established?

2010

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish?

Sporting and social gathering

03. When do you Meet?

Tuesdays 8pm September – April

04. Where do you Meet?

Ardmore Pastoral Centre.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

Participating in a game of bowls and enjoying social gathering

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

14-20 members.

07. Have you a Committee?

Yes

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

Meet Thursdays 8pm at Ardmore Pastoral Centre.

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Chairperson – Charlie McDaid or Parish Office Tel 71 349490



Ardmore Parish. Pastoral Council Water Jar 3. 'Ecumenism'

01. When was your group established?

To be established with Workshop on 31st March 2014.

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To create avenues of communication and understanding with peoples of different Christian faith backgrounds in the parish neighbourhood.

03. When do you Meet?

To be established.

04. Where do you Meet?

Will be at Ardmore Pastoral Centre

05. What exactly does your work involve?

To be established.

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

To be established

07. Have you a Committee?

To be established.

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

Ardmore Parish Office or committee member.

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Parish Office Tel 71349490. Or another



St Mary's Church Choir

01. When was you group established?

1970

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish?

To provide Liturgical Music and Hymn singing during the Liturgical Season.

03. When do you Meet?

Rehearsal: Thursday evenings 8pm

Mass: 11am Sunday except summer months.

04. Where do you Meet?

St Mary's Church, Gallery.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

Hymn singing

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

Presently 18 members

07. Have you a Committee.

No.

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities.

Contact. Parish Priest or Organist Noel Martin



Ardmore Parish Pastoral Council Water Jar 1.
'Being and Building Faith Community'.

01. When was your group established?

2013

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To facilitate the work of the Pastoral Council by encouraging Parishioners to become involved in the Parish Community

03. When do you Meet?

One Meeting every other month, usually Monday evening

04. Where do you Meet?

Ardmore Pastoral Centre.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

The Water Jar works with the Liturgical Calendar of the Church year, beginning with Advent, creating ways of increasing participation in Parish Ceremonies. The members of this group are concerned with enabling meaningful celebration at Mass and other liturgical events organised in the Parish. Tea and refreshments are prepared once a month after Sunday Masses.

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

8 Members.

07. Have you a Committee?

Yes

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

Through contact with current members or contact P.P, Parish Office

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Tel 71349490



Ardmore Parish Collectors/Counters

01. When was your group established?

1979

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

To collect or count the weekly finance offerings

03. When do you Meet?

As arranged

04. Where do you Meet?

As arranged

05. What exactly does your work involve?

Collecting or counting financial offerings

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

12 – 15 members

07. Have you a Committee?

No

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

Contact P.P. Tel 71349490

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Rev Neil Farren Tel 71349490



Ardmore Parish Pastoral Council.

01. When was your group established?

2000

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish?

The Parish Pastoral Council is a faith-filled leadership group through which priests and people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish, through building up a vibrant Christian community, rooted in baptism and marked by its faith, worship and service.

03. When do you Meet?

Every alternative month.

04. Where do you Meet?

Ardmore Parochial House or Ardmore Pastoral Centre.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

*The Ardmore Pastoral Council Vision Statement is:
'We embrace a vision that our parish be a living community infused with the Holy Spirit. A warm welcoming and loving community where each and every person has a strong sense of belonging and participation in the mission of the Church. That our Ardmore Parish be a source of spiritual nourishment and support, centred on the Eucharist, where the Gospel values of faith, hope and love inspire and affirm each and every member of the parish to play their part in the Creator's plan, enabling every woman, man and child in this parish to share in the task of building together the Kingdom of God.'*



Ardmore Parish Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

01. When was you group established?

1970s.

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish

Lay Participation in the Liturgical Celebrations.

03. When do you Meet?

Once a Year.

04. Where do you Meet?

Ardmore Pastoral Centre.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

To assist the priest in distributing Holy Eucharist at weekday and Sunday Masses: In Nursing Homes/ sick and housebound on request.

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

30 members.

07. Have you a Committee?

No

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities?.

New members are nominated by the Parish Priest and receive training.

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Rev Neil Farren. P.P. Tel. 71349490



Ardmore Parish Ministry of the Word - Lay Readers.

01. When was your group established?

1972

02. What is the purpose of your activity in the Parish?

To enhance and enable lay participation in Parish Liturgical Celebrations.

03. When do you Meet?

Once a Year.

04. Where do you Meet?

At St Mary's Church.

05. What exactly does your work involve?

Reading at Liturgical Celebrations in St Mary's Church.

06. How many are involved in the work of your group?

29

07. Have you a Committee.

No

08. How can new members join the group or become involved in its activities.

Contact Parish Secretary or Parish Priest

09. Can you please provide the name of a contact person for your group and their contact details.

Parish Secretary/Parish Priest/any lay reader.



St Mary's Church Folk Group.

01. When was your group established?

1980s

02. What is the purpose of your group?

To enhance the Liturgies with Music and song

03. When do you meet?

Once a month.

04. Where do you meet?

Ardmore Pastoral Centre or Birchwood Studios, Ardfada, Ardmore.

05. What does your work involve?

Learning sacred hymns and singing at Mass.

06. How many are in your group?

Varies from 10 – 20.

07. Do you have a committee?

No.

08. How can new members join?

Come along to practice or at 6pm Vigil Mass.

09. Could you provide a contact name for your group and their details?

Ardmore Folk Group C/o Parish Office Tel 71349490.