**Killaloe Catechists – 29 Nov 2023 - Notes from Nenagh Discussions –**

**Session 4**

*These are simply some of the points raised by the People, noted down from the general discussion, mostly in the order they came and always without any comment*

* Assembling points to our need to become a real community and not just a collection of individuals
* Would altering the physical way of assembling – such as assembling in a circle with the altar in the middle – help? And lay ministers to come to minister from the assembly rather than processing in with the Celebrant?
* Traditional Station Mass remains important for the communities where it remains
* Find a way to reach out to include people who are alone at Mass
* Mass celebration with full community a better and different experience from a Mass with a small group of people
* The sign of peace – helps us to understand ourselves a little better when we reach to touch hands with another
* The Mass inspires us to become active and involved in community
* A social need helped well by having a social cuppa tea after Mass
* When children attend they need to be actively involved in the celebration
* No doubt that preparing better for Mass will improve its worth for us
* The deep faith of previous generations – could we match it?
* Overall impact of the series shows that the main actors are not simply the ministers – we must develop our awareness of our own significance in the ritual
* Speech is a gift and we are responsible for how we use it, and use its power
* The Micah quotation (“deal justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God”): elaborating and reflecting on its meaning could help us to “do” Christmas a little differently – not least help out locally
* The suggested questions were not sufficiently directed towards encouraging a response on the topic as it affected us – sometimes they seemed like a test of our knowledge!