

**St Columbkille's Rutherglen
Parish Mission and Action Group**

Monday 14th May 2018

Present: Fr Hennessey, Fr Mournian, Owen McAulay, Michael McGrath, Miriam McKernan
Apologies: Deacon Bill, Katy McMillan

- 1 The recent **arrangements for Holy Week services** were discussed. The fact that many services were busy was welcomed. The liturgy used for the Children's Stations of the Cross at Noon on Good Friday was thought to have worked well in terms of involving a number of children.
- 2 A parish **Faith-sharing group** had been established in recent weeks and plans were being made for further meetings for people to come together and use the materials provided by the Diocese.
- 3 Reference was made to the recent publication of the **Church's new Safeguarding policies**, details of which would be announced in the forthcoming Bulletin and on the parish website. A poster was on display in the Church porch and leaflets were also provided on the CTS bookstand.
- 4 Plans for the following forthcoming **Parish Events** were discussed:
 - 14th May At the St Columbkille's School Assembly a film celebrating 100 years of Catholic Schools in Scotland would be shown and parishioners would be invited to ring old school photographs for viewing on the night. The Hall had been booked for this event.
 - 4th June Parishioners would be invited to contribute to a discussion about providing more activities for young people to be involved in the parish.
 - 10th June Parish trip to Hamilton for Open House / Garden
 - 16th June Mass for the Sick with Lunch following Mass was being organised by SVDP.
 - 25th June Parish Day in Carfin; date to be confirmed & transport to be arranged
 - 11th August Parish Outing for Family and friends to Largs. Transport has been arranged. Tea in Benedictine Convent; Games for children will be arranged by parents.
- 5 **Ordination 2019** There was some preliminary discussion of the preparations that would be required for the Ordination of Rev. Charles Coyle, expected to take place in late June 2019. A group of parishioners would be brought together after the summer holidays to form a Presentation Committee.
- 6 There was some discussion about the possibility of developing a **Bereavement Support group** in the parish. Following recent notices in the parish Bulletin, two people had expressed interest in volunteering for this. It was agreed that further exploration of this issue would be required to clarify the training and support available for anyone wishing to be involved.
- 7 Under **AOCB**, a number of issues were discussed:
 - the Cubs pack would begin to use the parish hall for their meetings after summer
 - consideration is being given to the provision catechesis for the Sacraments for some young people who were unable to attend Catholic schools. Suitable catechists would be required.
 - the challenges involved in establishing a parish SPRED group
- 8 The date of the next meeting is **Monday 6th August at 7pm.**