

**St Columbkille's Rutherglen
Parish Mission and Action Group
Sunday 7th October 2018**

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

1 Arrangements for Visitation of Jesus Our Teacher icon

Deacon Bill outlined the plan for the parish to receive the original icon of Jesus Our Teacher in the leg of its journey across the eight Scottish Dioceses. St Columbkille's had been chosen as the host location for the East Kilbride deanery which includes Rutherglen & Cambuslang. Various prayer resources had been provided by the Diocese to support local activities.

The following activities were agreed:

- **Friday 26th October 10am Mass:** Readings/prayers will be led by pupils from each Primary school.
- **Friday 26th October 1pm Mass:** Readings/prayers will be led by pupils from each Secondary school.
- **Saturday 27th October:** Following 10am Mass, Church will be open for visits until 5pm.
- **Sunday 28th October all Masses:** Readings/prayers will be led by parents and children.
- **Sunday 28th October 6pm:** Holy Hour for all families and especially for all pupils in involved in the Pope Francis Faith Award and the Caritas Award.

Action: All clergy will be asked to provide appropriate homilies on Sunday 28th October

Action: Fr Pat will ask Fr Stephen if he can deliver the Holy Hour on Sunday at 6pm.

Action: Fr Pat & Fr Bernard will communicate plans & invitations to local clergy.

Action: Michael will draft invitations to local schools and organise pupils to read scripture & prayers.

Action: Michael will speak at 1pm Mass on Friday 27th October.

2 Parish activities in month of October

Fr Bernard reported on various events planned for this month:

- October Devotions: Mondays at 7pm, with rota of groups leading prayer.
- 13th October: Church Grounds clean-up
- 13th October: Bereavement Support workshop aimed at recruiting suitable people in local parish to support bereaved families
- 14th October: Sacred Music workshop to be led by Sir James MacMillan; 4pm Mass with Bishop John Keenan as Principal Celebrant, preaching on Catholic Education

4 Parish Groups

- Fr Bernard reports that Young Adults Catechesis meetings were going well. He was using Bishop Robert Barron's 'Catholicism: the Pivotal Players' series to stimulate discussion. The group, which consisted mainly of people in their late 20s and early 30s, would discuss any follow-up activities, which might include more talks and /or trips.
- The Parish History group were continuing with their plans to update the Parish History book and to produce a DVD in time for 2020, the 80th anniversary of the present Church building. They also wished to organise an Armistice social event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1; this was earmarked for 9th November in the Parish Hall.

5 Armistice Day

- Fr Pat referred to an invitation he had received through CAPIR to attend a Service of Remembrance in the Old Parish Church on Sunday 11th November, followed by tea in the Church Hall and a procession to the Cenotaph for a wreath-laying ceremony at 12.30pm. He suggested that a number of parishioners be invited to accompany him. It was suggested that the Scouts should also be invited to participate.

Action: Fr Bernard will prepare a list for parishioners to sign up for this.

- There was discussion of ways in which Armistice could be marked during each Sunday Mass. In addition to appropriate Intercessory prayers being read, and a poppy wreath being brought forward with the Offertory Procession, a short period of silence should be announced at an appropriate time, possibly after Communion.

Action: Owen will advise Music group at 10.30am Mass.

Fr Bernard will advise Music Ministry at 12 Noon and 4pm Mass.

Fr Bernard will speak to Marie Smith to ensure that Scouts / Cubs are sufficiently prepared to read scripture and/or prayers at 10.30am Mass.

Marie will prepare a poppy wreath.

6 Rutherglen Cemetery

- Final details have still to be agreed with Fr Frank Dougan in St Mark's regarding the date and time of the annual November Prayer Service held in Rutherglen Cemetery. It was suggested that consideration might be given to arranging an annual Mass in Rutherglen Cemetery, in the same way that Mass is celebrated in Linn and Dalbeth Cemeteries.

Action: Fr Pat to contact Fr Frank and local clergy about these points.

- The Parish Mass for those who have died in the past year (and for bereaved families & friends) will take place on Saturday 10th November at 10am. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Action: Marie to speak to Donald Campbell and Margret Devlin about catering.

7 Advent & Christmas Services & Events

- As yet no resources have been provided for Faith-sharing groups during Advent.

Action: Fr Pat to contact Diocese about these resources.

- Friday 14th December at 7pm: Deacon Bill will preach at the Salvation Army Carol Service in the Town Hall
- Tuesday 18th December at 7pm: Christmas Carol service in St Columbkille's Church
- Saturday 22nd December: Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the day
- Times of Masses on Christmas Eve to be discussed with local clergy.
- Arrangements are being made for the Parish Calendar to go on sale in late November.

Action: Fr Pat to contact Fr Frank and local clergy about Christmas Mass times.

Action: Michael to contact Funeral Director Des Maguire re. sponsorship.

8 Celebration of Fr Pat's Golden Jubilee and Ordination of Rev. Charles Coyle

- Michael reported that the planning process for the Ordination was well underway. He had been able to talk with Charles at length while in Rome and lines of communication were being kept open via WhatsApp. Bishop Toal has stipulated that: a) invitations should be issued in his name and b) the Diocesan MC should organise the Liturgy. Following the October school holiday, further details would be announced via the Parish Bulletin and volunteers would be recruited for various tasks.
- It was agreed that we should try to organise a pilgrimage to Iona on Saturday 8th June 2019. This would be an appropriate way to give thanks for Fr Pat's 50 years of ministry and also to pray for Rev. Charles Coyle ahead of his Ordination on 27th June.

Action: Deacon Bill will contact the Tour company to book 2 coaches.

9 Dates of important Parish events

- Saturday 11th May 2019: First Communion
- Tuesday 28th May 2019: Confirmation for St Columbkille's Pupils

10 Dates of future PAMG meetings

- Sunday 4th November at 5.30pm
- Sunday 3rd February at 5.30pm
- Sunday 24th March at 5.30pm
- other dates to be added at next meeting