

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

Sunday 4th November 2018

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

Apologies: Katy McMillan, Marie Tedeschi

1 November Services

Arrangements for various services in the month of November were discussed.

Annual Mass for Bereaved Sat. 10th November

- Invitations have been extended to bereaved families in the parish.
- Legion of Mary will organize lighting of votive candles.

Parish Masses on Armistice Day Sunday 11th November

- A wreath will be laid on the sanctuary.
- A moment's silence will be observed during 10.30am Mass.

Armistice Service & Cenotaph Wreath-laying Sunday 11th November

- Fr Pat will be accompanied by some parishioners at the service in the Old Parish Church.
- The same group will attend the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph following the service.

Rutherglen Cemetery Prayer Service Sunday 18th November

- Parishioners in St Anthony's, St Mark's and St Columbkille's are invited to participate.
- Deacon Bill will provide votive candles on the day.

2 Preparations for Advent & Christmas

- Parish Calendars, featuring photographs of parish events and groups will go on sale, priced £3. Thanks to sponsorship provided by Funeral Director Desmond Maguire, all proceeds will go to the Ordination Fund.
- Rutherglen Churches (CAPIR) will serve hot chocolate in the Church grounds during the switch-on of the town Christmas Lights on Saturday 1st December.
- Deacon Bill will provide a reflection during the Salvation Army Carol Service on 14th December.
- The Parish Carol Service will take place in the church on Tuesday 18th December, followed by teas/coffees in the Hall.
- There will be a Day of Reconciliation, with opportunities for Confessions from 10.30am to 5pm on Saturday 22nd December.

4 Fr Pat's Golden Jubilee

- Deacon Bill has booked 2 coaches for Sat. 8th June to take approx. 100 parishioners to Iona for the celebration of Mass. To be advertised in January 2019.

5 **Ordination of Rev. Charles Coyle**

- A parish meeting has been arranged for 28th November to inform parishioners about what is being planned and to recruit volunteers for various tasks.
- An interview with Charles will be recorded on video for use on the parish website & Facebook page.
- A leaflet will be printed to draw attention to 2019 being a “big” year for the parish with the celebration of a Golden Jubilee (Fr Pat), a Silver Jubilee (Sr Marianne Donnelly) and an Ordination.
- Arrangements will be made to “livestream” the Ordination so that it could be viewed in the Parish Hall if the church is full (as expected).

Action: Fr Bernard to contact Frs. McGoldrick, Doyle & Haddock re leading Holy Hour services in May 2019.

6 **Parish Social Events**

- Hogmanay Social will take place following Mass at 7pm. Proceeds to Ordination Fund.
- It was suggested that, in future years, a St Andrew’s Social Night should be held in the Hall.

7 **AOCB**

- Two boards are being made to display Hymn Numbers.
- St Columbkille’s will host a World Day of Prayer event in the Hall on Friday 1st March at 2pm
- The parish Faith-Sharing Group will meet again on 11th November.
- A new Bereavement Support Group will be launched at the annual Bereavement Mass on 10th November. Further training will be provided for all who wish to participate.

8 **Dates of future PAMG meetings**

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