

St Columbkille's Rutherglen

Parish Mission and Action Group

Monday 12th March 2018

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

- 1 The recent **Liturgy workshops** were discussed. Feedback received had been positive.
 - **Music:** new members had been recruited for the !2 Noon Choir and a new Choir is being formed to sing at 4pm Mass. Fr Mournian explained that the Latin Mass settings would be used at 4pm Mass throughout Lent and then they would switch to the revised James MacMillan setting.
 - **Readers** seem to have appreciated the input given and the materials which were provided to support their understanding of the Scripture passages each week. The next set will be emailed and posted on the website just prior to Holy Week.
 - **Eucharist Ministers** had discussed some logistical issues, such as the positions to be taken during Communion. They were provided with copies of the new translation of the Rite for Visiting the Sick. There was much appreciation of the "inspiring" testimony given by two of the Ministers present. A prayer for Eucharistic Ministers to say before Mass has now been posted in the small sacristy at the back of church.
 - **Passkeepers** had participated in a practical session where they discussed various tasks. Notes of the points discussed would be distributed.
- 2 There was some discussion about reaction to the current series of **Lenten Talks**, some of which had been suggested by parishioners. Reaction from those attending, including some from neighbouring parishes, has been positive so far. It was suggested that those attending could be asked to offer suggestions topics for future talks.
- 3 Arrangements for **Holy Week Services** were discussed. Deacon Bill provided a copy of the duty rota for the Eucharistic Ministers, prepared by Cathie O'Brien. Michael was asked to contact Jim Gallagher to see if he had a list of Readers already prepared. A Rehearsal for Readers and Servers involved in the Easter Vigil Service will take on Easter Saturday after 10am Morning Prayer.
- 4 The following forthcoming **Parish Events** were discussed:
 - 17/3/18 St Patrick's Night: we need to sell more tickets
 - 23/3/18 Evening of Lenten Prayer will begin at 6pm with Evening Prayer & Exposition and will end with Night Prayer at 10pm. Confession will be available throughout. We still await confirmation of the availability of Fr Stephen's Music group. Details to be publicised in a poster and in Scottish Catholic Observer? Deacon Bill to order votive candles.
 - 25/3/18 Evening of Sacred Music will feature pupils from Primary 4, 5 & 6 and the Bothwell Philharmonic Choir
 - 22-24 April Forty Hours Adoration with prayers for Vocations ahead of the Diaconate Ordination of Charles Coyle in Rome
 - Parish Pilgrimage to Iona for 9th June will not take place because of the island's over-subscription on that day. Fr Bernard mentioned the possibility of a Vespers of Columba service being held on the evening of 10th June.

- 16/6/18 Mass for the Sick with Lunch following Mass. Invitations to be printed & delivered by SVDP? The 12 Noon Choir have been advised of the date.
 - 11/8/18 Parish Day Out for Family and Friends: We await details of discussions among the St Columbkille's Primary School Parents Group.
 - 22-26 October 2018 Parish trip to Galway. A meeting is being held on 13th March to brief anyone interested.
- 5 **Parish Faith- Sharing Groups:** Owen McAulay has agreed to take on the role of co-ordinating Faith-Sharing groups after Easter. He will organise a meeting for interested parishioners during w/b 8th April.
- 6 A number of possible **parish initiatives** were highlighted for discussion at future meetings of the group:
- Signing for the Hearing Impaired at Mass
 - a parish SPRED group
 - a support group for Bereaved people
 - establishing parish contacts in the local schools to support initiatives such as the Pope Francis Faith Award, Caritas Award and various opportunities for young people to encounter Jesus
 - preparations for the Ordination of Charles Coyle in 2019.
- 7 The date of the next meeting will be **Monday 14th May at 7pm.**