



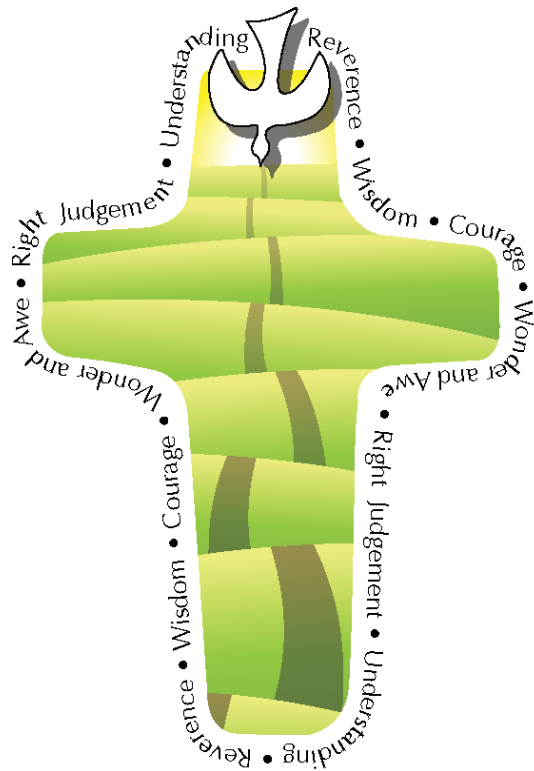
ST COLUMBKILLE'S RUTHERGLEN

# THE POPE FRANCIS FAITH AWARD

*How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: "Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person!"*

*(Pope Francis, addressing young people, April 2013)*





The **Pope Francis FAITH AWARD** is an award of the Bishops' Conference Scotland, designed to help children to show "signs of love" in their daily lives and to be active members of their local Church. It invites young people at the Primary 6 and 7 stages to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and to see how they can bear fruit in their homes, schools and parishes. It is directly connected to what young people are learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation. The award is open to all Catholic Primary schools and parishes, normally involving children across the years of Primary 6 & Primary 7.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



We know that the celebration of Holy Mass is enriched when the assembled congregation sing hymns and parts of the liturgy. This is an essential part of the sacred liturgy. We are fortunate that a number of parishioners commit their time and their talents to lead the singing at Sunday Masses.

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS.**

The following individuals and music groups offer their services to lead the congregation in singing at Mass:

**Saturday at 5.30pm**

Maureen Longmuir

**Sunday at 9.00am**

William Welsh

**Sunday at 10.30am**

Colum Group (Aileen Dunne)

**Sunday at 12 noon**

St Columbkille's Choir

– Kathleen Connor, Frank McPhail

**Sunday at 4.00pm**

St Columbkille's Schola

– Rebecca & Alan Tavener (cappella.nova@strath.ac.uk)

St Columbkille's caters for a wide range of music tastes. As well as enhancing the Sacred Liturgy, there is a social element to the music ministry which also provides an opportunity to learn about music as well as improve our musical ability and meet new people.

**If you are interested, please contact the relevant person above or come along to weekend Mass and speak to the relevant person.**

## THE 137TH ST COLUMBKILLE'S SCOUT GROUP (BOYS AND GIRLS)



The group will meet in St Columbkille's Hall every **Wednesday** during term time from 29th August 2018.

### BEAVER SCOUTS

For ages 5½ to 8 yrs

Meet from 6.30 - 7.30pm.

They will enjoy all that Scouting has to offer; being introduced to outdoor activities, having the opportunity to be creative, explore their local community and experience the excitement of a Beaver Scout Sleepover with their friends.

### CUB SCOUTS

For ages 8 to 10 ½

Meet from 6.30 - 8.00pm.

For Cubs, excitement and adventure are key. Their programme offers a huge variety of activities surrounding areas of fitness, global issues and beliefs; whilst allowing them to be creative and get involved in their local communities. Cubs are introduced to exciting outdoor skills and take part in adventure activities, as well as camps and residential experiences.

All sections will get the chance to learn some basic cooking and cleaning on cookers and in the outdoor experiences in team and solo effort. We endeavour to help the children realise their full potential and build on their confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

We welcome new members both children and adults to join us on our adventures. Feel free to pop along on a Wednesday night and speak to one of the Leaders.

If you enrol for the Pope Francis Faith Award, there are three main activities for you .



1. At various points, mainly across P6 & P7, you will gather together with others enrolled for the award to reflect on a short Scripture passage which allow you to LEARN and REFLECT about your Faith.
2. After you reflect on each Gift of the Holy Spirit you will be asked to ACT by choosing a Faith Action which you will do at HOME, in SCHOOL and, in the PARISH.
3. You will note your learning, you actions and your reflections on these in your personal FAITH Journal which will act as a scrapbook for collecting evidence – notes, photographs etc.

To be presented with the award you must present evidence to show that you:

- have used all the gifts of the Holy Spirit when showing love of God and love of others
- have reflected on how your actions have made an impact on your journey of faith.

To gain the award with a Parish Commendation, the parish must confirm that you are participating in the life of the Parish.

Your parents or teachers will be able to give you more information on this. The contact from the Parish is Clare Griffiths who can be contacted at: [stcolumbkille@btconnect.com](mailto:stcolumbkille@btconnect.com)



# THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE ACTIVE IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH



## ALTAR SERVERS

Servers have a special ministry in the Church. It is their privilege to assist the Priest at the Altar. Servers not only serve Mass, but also make themselves available for other services.

The role of the Altar Server is very important because he/she is one of the closest persons to the Altar and to the Priest representing Jesus Christ during the celebration of the Holy Mass and the administration of the Sacraments.

Being an Altar Server also provides an opportunity to meet new friends. Our Servers meet every month for training and also enjoy social activities throughout the year.

Younger Altar Servers meet every first Monday of the month at 6.00pm to learn how to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner. **The next meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.00pm in the Chapel House. Training will be given to new servers at this time.**

**If you attend Mass at St Columbkille's and would like to volunteer to join our Altar Serving team, then please contact Deacon Bill:**

[deaconcolumbkille@gmail.com](mailto:deaconcolumbkille@gmail.com)

## READERS

*God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life.*

*- Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, November 2013, #174*

An important part of our service to the Lord is to contribute to the celebration of Mass through the **Ministry of the Word**.

We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who assist the clergy by delivering the Readings and Bidding Prayers at daily and Sunday Mass, and by contributing to other services throughout the Liturgical Year as required. Being a Reader allows you to serve the Lord and the Parish community and may also help to you gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the Bible.



**If you would like to join our team of Readers at Mass, or for more information regarding Readers, please email Jim Gallagher at: [stcolumbkille@btconnect.com](mailto:stcolumbkille@btconnect.com)**

## PASSKEEPERS

The Parish provides daily Masses from Monday to Friday as well as morning Mass and Evening Vigil Mass on Saturday and four Masses every Sunday. One important part of our service to the Lord is to contribute to the celebration of Mass through serving as a **Passkeeper**.

We are fortunate to have a small group of volunteers who assist the clergy and our parish as a whole by welcoming, directing and assisting parishioners and visitors at each Mass, thus ensuring that services run smoothly. They also provide practical support by ensuring that Offertory collections are undertaken, that any necessary materials e.g. weekly bulletins, hymns books and leaflets are distributed and collected. They are also mindful of the security of our Church and the wellbeing of parishioners and guests during and after services.

Our Passkeepers are few in number and it would be helpful to have a greater number available to help either daily, weekly or on special occasions and additional services throughout the year. **Anyone of any age can be a Passkeeper**. It would be so good to have a school children involved in this.

**If you are interested, or would like some further information, speak to Fr Pat or Fr. Bernard.**

