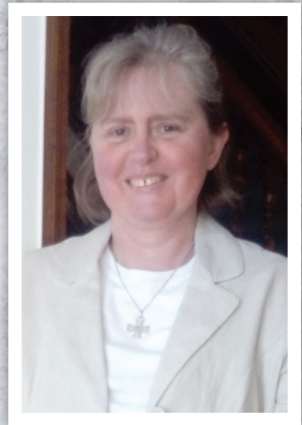
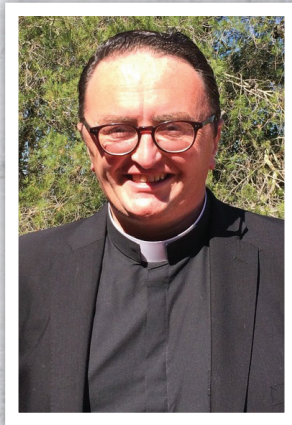
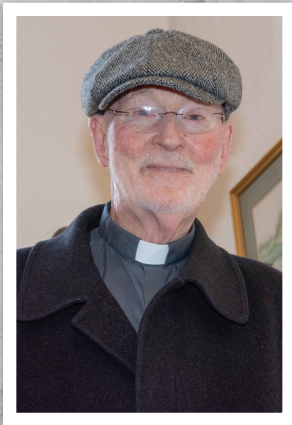


ST COLUMBKILLE'S RUTHERGLEN

Celebrating Lives of Service



2019 will be a year of great celebrations in our parish as we recognise those who have given their lives in service to the Lord, both in Priesthood and in Consecrated Life. At special services, we shall honour, congratulate and thank:

- **Fr. Pat Hennessy** on the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood
- **Rev. Charles Coyle** on his Ordination to the Priesthood
- **Sr. Marianne Donnelly** on the Silver Jubilee of her Profession.

For some months, planning has been underway to ensure that the parish is well prepared to celebrate each of these events appropriately. Parishioners have been generous in supporting fund-raising events to finance the celebrations and in offering assistance both in advance, and at the time, of the celebrations.

We hope that all parishioners will enjoy these celebrations and benefit from the special graces that will flow from each of them.

Golden Jubilee of Fr Pat Hennessy

Friday 7th June 2019 at 7pm

Mass of Thanksgiving

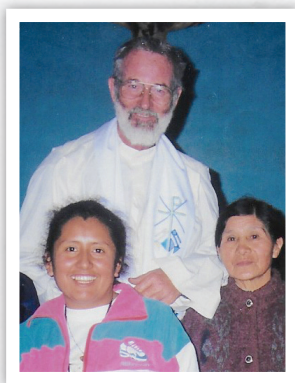
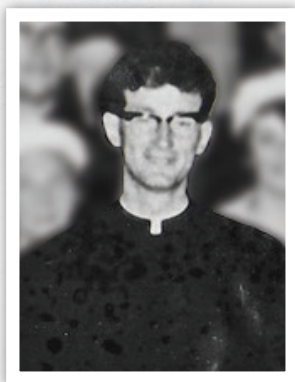
Reception in Parish Hall after Mass

Patrick A. Hennessy was born in rural Ireland, son of David & Bridget and brother to four sisters. After school, he attended seminary at St John's College, Waterford. He also studied for a degree through the Open University.

Some parishioners are struggling to accept that 50 years have passed since Fr Pat first arrived in St Columbkille's. From 1974 he served in St James', Coatbridge before teaching in our national Seminaries, firstly in St Vincent's, Langbank in 1977 and then in Blairs College, Aberdeen from 1978 to 1986. He moved to St Anne's, Hamilton until 1988 when he finally achieved his ambition of serving the missionary Church in Peru from 1989 to 1999.

In 1999 he returned to the Diocese of Motherwell, serving as Parish Priest of St Vincent de Paul, East Kilbride for 11 years before returning to St Columbkille's in 2010. He led the parish through the challenging process of refurbishment (external and internal). The result is the restoration of the Church building as a beautiful sacred space, suitable for the celebration of holy liturgy, welcoming for all to meet for prayer.

Fr Pat has often used the phrase "the conductor of the orchestra" to describe his role as the Parish Priest. This conveys something of his continuing efforts to build up our parish community by involving as many people as possible in serving the Lord in ways that use their talents to the full. We thank God for his fifty years of priestly ministry and we wish him many more happy years of happiness, good health and service to the Lord.



Ordination of Rev. Charles Coyle

Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7pm

Mass of Ordination

Friday 28th June 2019 at 7pm

Mass of Thanksgiving

Reception in Parish Hall after each Mass



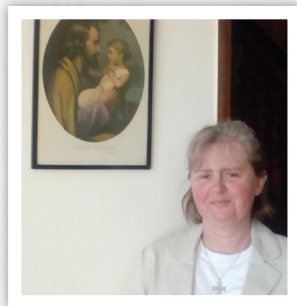
Rev. Charles Coyle is a familiar face in our community where he and his two sisters grew up with their parents, Michael & Teresa. For many years he was an altar server in the parish. Charles first attended St Columbkille's Primary School and then Trinity High School where a week of work experience in the Wall Garden at Bellahouston Park led to him starting an apprenticeship in Horticulture in 1995. While working as a craft gardener at Maxwell Park in Glasgow for three years, Charles studied for HNC & HND in Horticulture. This led to degree studies in Botany at Reading University before the completion of a Master's degree in Plant Taxonomy. In 2011 he entered seminary life in Rome with studies in Philosophy and Theology at the University of St Thomas Aquinas. We pray that he will enjoy a lifetime of loving service to the Lord as a priest.

Silver Jubilee of Sr Marianne Donnelly Ssja

Saturday 6th July 2019 at 10am

Mass of Thanksgiving

Reception in Parish Hall after Mass



Born, baptised and educated in our community, Sr. Marianne is the fourth generation of her family to be parishioners of St Columbkille's. Her family still live in the parish. She professed her faith as a sister of St Joseph of Annecy in 1994. She now serves as the Nurse Manager at Llantarnam Abbey in Wales, taking caring of Sisters who are sick or elderly. She has also trained as a massage therapist and works with people at a neurological rehabilitation clinic in Newport. The Sisters of St. Joseph aim to "live and work to bring all people into union with God and with one another." Sr. Marianne feels that she is privileged to play a part in that work. We wish her every blessing in her ministry to serve.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

During the month of May

Throughout May, the month of Our Lady, you are asked to pray for:

- more Vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious life
- more people to offer service as passkeepers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, musicians and helpers for Children's Liturgy.

May Devotions, including prayers for Vocations, will take place on Mondays at 7pm.

40 HOURS ADORATION

We will celebrate 40 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm on Sunday 19th May to 8pm on Wednesday 22nd May. Three former parishioners - now parish priests - will support our clergy in leading Holy Hours of Devotion and prayers for Vocations.

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| • Sunday 19th May
Holy Hour at 7pm | Adoration from 5pm to 8pm
Fr Thomas Doyle
<i>St Bride's Bothwell</i> |
| • Monday 20th May
Holy Hour at 7pm | Adoration from 6am to 8pm
Fr Kevin McGoldrick
<i>Sacred Heart, Bellshill</i> |
| • Tuesday 21st May
Holy Hour at 7pm | Adoration from 7am to 8pm
Parish Clergy
<i>St Columbkille's, Rutherglen</i> |
| • Wednesday 22nd May
Holy Hour at 7pm | Adoration from 7am to 8pm
Fr Gerard Haddock
<i>St John Bosco's, New Stevenston</i> |

Please note the dates and times of these services and make a special effort to participate in what will be a special time of grace for our parish community.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the lives of dedicated service offered by all who answer your call to serve. We ask you to bless their work and to strengthen them in faith, hope and love so that, through them, your will may be done. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Columbkille, pray for us.