

**St Columbkille's Rutherglen
Parish Mission and Action Group
Sunday 3rd February 2019**

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

1 Report from St Columbkille's Parent Council

Members of the Parent Council had recently made a number of suggestions to involve more children in parish activities.

Promote Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass

The school is willing advertise it regularly in school communications and perhaps feature it in School Assemblies. Could Caritas Award pupils play a part in Children's Liturgy? Could P6/P7 pupils be more involved?

ACTION POINT 1: Fr Bernard will speak to clergy from other parishes to seek ideas for involving more children.

ACTION POINT 2: Fr Pat will call a parish meeting of all who are interested in promoting Children's Liturgy.

Involve more families in Offertory Processions at Sunday Masses.

Offertory Processions had been curtailed due to the lack of volunteers willing to participate. It was suggested that parishioners could be reminded of the purpose of the Offertory Procession within the Liturgy.

ACTION POINT 3: Michael will invite Parent Council members to encourage parents to add their names to a Rota for various Masses.

Involve Pope Francis Award pupils in Sunday Masses

It was thought that the pupils involved should be asked to suggest a) how they might have a role at Sunday Masses and b) if they would wish to wear sashes or something to distinguish them as they carried out this role.

ACTION POINT 4: Michael will offer to meet with the P7 teacher to explore these ideas.

Opportunities for Family Mass / Service involving pupils & parents

Parents had appreciated the Family Mass held during the Parish Mission Week because so many families had been involved and they hoped that something similar could be arranged. It was agreed that, in preparing for the Ordination, we should encourage everyone to consider how we all are '**Serving the Lord**' in the parish throughout 2019. The Season of Lent would provide an obvious opportunity to call on everyone to offer service. The month of May could offer a particular focus on Mary an icon of Service to the Lord.

ACTION POINT 5: Fr Bernard will arrange for schoolchildren to lead the Stations of the Cross on Monday 25th March and on Good Friday and also to lead May Devotions in May.

ACTION POINT 6: Fr Pat will celebrate Mass in the school at 8.20am every Friday in Lent.

ACTION POINT 7: Michael will liaise with the school about how to encourage parents to participate in all of the above.

2 Preparations for Lent 2019

- ❑ The theme of “Serving the Lord” will be highlighted throughout the season of Lent. Appeals will be made to parishioners to consider, as part of their Lenten devotions, what form of service they might offer in the parish.
- ❑ Parishioners will be asked to volunteer for to assist with one of the parish ministries. A particular appeal will be made during 16th/17th February for new Eucharistic Ministers. Interested parishioners will be asked to speak to the clergy before the end of March and a Commissioning service will be held for all new and existing Eucharistic Ministers. Fr Pat suggested that the weekly Scripture Commentaries, which Michael circulates to all Mass Readers, should also be circulated to Eucharistic Ministers.

ACTION POINT 8: Clergy to arrange for Bulletin note for 16th/17th February, appealing for new Eucharistic Ministers.

ACTION POINT 9: Fr Pat will arrange a date for a Commissioning Service for all Eucharistic Ministers.

- ❑ Details of Lenten & Holy Week services will be published on an Easter card which will be distributed before the start of Lent. Good Friday services will follow last year’s pattern of 12 Noon, 3pm & 7pm. A ‘rehearsal’ for those involved in Easter Vigil will take place on Holy Saturday morning.

3 Fr Pat’s Golden Jubilee

- Deacon Bill reported that most of the places on the pilgrimage to Iona have now been booked.
- It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the Scottish Catholic Observer to notify people of this date, as well as the dates of the Ordination and Sr Marianne O’Donnell’s Silver Jubilee.

4 Ordination of Rev. Charles Coyle

- Michael reported that good progress was being made on preparations for the Ordination, following the information meeting held on 28th November. Various volunteers had been identified to assist with various tasks. Further meetings will be held with the various groups to ensure that everyone knows what is required. Invitation letters have been prepared for distribution at the end of February. The core group will arrange a meeting with the clergy to consider all arrangements.
- The video interview with Charles has now been posted on the parish website & Facebook page and was attracting lots of interest. Michael has spoken to St Columbkille’s school about recording some pupils interviewing Charles via Skype, for showing at a school assembly. Trinity High pupils could be involved in a similar exercise.
- A leaflet, drawing attention to the parish celebrations of a Golden Jubilee (Fr Pat), a Silver Jubilee (Sr Marianne Donnelly) and an Ordination, will be distributed after Easter. A draft of this leaflet will be circulated for comment.
- Forty Hours devotions & prayers for the Ordination are being planned to take place from 19th to 22nd May, with a Holy Hour on three evenings.

ACTION POINT 10: Miriam will speak to Trinity High about a video interview.

ACTION POINT 11: Michael will draft a leaflet for comment.

5 Parish Social Events

- The date of Saturday 10th August was agreed as being suitable for a Parish Family Outing.
- A parish trip to Dumfries House was being arranged for 28th March.

6 AOCB

- Fr Pat reported that the annual Safeguarding Audit form had been received for completion. He and Frances Watson would complete this return for the Diocese.
- Miriam reported that the parish will host the World Day of Prayer event in the Church on Friday 1st March at 2pm, with some interest having been expressed by some Cambuslang Church groups.
- Owen has made enquiries to the Diocese about the provision of resources for a Lenten series of meetings of the parish Faith-Sharing group.
- Miriam reported that the parish Bereavement Support Group was launched at the Bereavement Mass on 10th November. Some of the group, who had met a few times, were able to provide support by meeting bereaved family members; others were acting as 'prayer partners' for those bereaved.
- It was agreed to provide monthly 'Parish Group Focus' in the Bulletin and on the website.

ACTION POINT 12: Miriam will contact each group to arrange for some relevant information that she can use to arrange this.

8 Dates of future PAMG meetings

- Sunday 24th March at 5.30pm
- Sunday 5th May at 5.30pm