

**St Columbkille's Rutherglen
Parish Mission and Action Group
Sunday 24th March 2019**

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

1 Children's Liturgy

A number of ideas were discussed with a view to developing the Children's Liturgy and promoting it via the school.

ACTION POINT 1: Fr Pat will call a parish meeting of all who are interested in promoting Children's Liturgy.

2 Pupils in P6 & P7

Concerns were expressed at the lack of P6/P7 children attending Sunday Mass. Various ideas were discussed:

- There is a need to encourage the Confirmandi to appreciate their meaning of the sacrament in terms of personal faith commitment and involvement in the parish.
- Parents of First Communicants and Confirmandi could perhaps be supported more in working with their children in sacramental preparation.

ACTION POINT 2: Fr Pat and Michael will arrange to meet with P7 teachers to promote the Pope Francis Faith Award and to enhance the involvement of pupils in the parish.

3 Offertory Processions at Sunday Mass

Recent appeals for volunteers to participate in the Offertory Procession had attracted some responses but a great push was required. It was thought that, once these were re-established at Sunday Mass, more people would agree to participate.

ACTION POINT 3: Michael will arrange a rota of participants once more names have been gathered.

4 Eucharistic Ministers

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers would take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It was suggested that some younger people – including S6 pupils – should be commissioned.

5 Preparations for Holy Week 2019

The usual pattern of services would be followed. On Good Friday there would be services at 12 Noon (for children), 3pm and 7pm. On Holy Saturday, after Morning Prayer, there would be a meeting of all Readers at the Easter Vigil.

6 Use of Latin at Mass

It was reported that some parishioners were struggling to make sense of the Latin being sung at some Masses. Fr Bernard indicated that sheets would be provided and these would show the Latin and the English texts side-by-side.

It was thought that it might help to provide some form of brief explanation in the Parish Bulletin of why Latin was being sung and why the altar was incensed at some Masses and not others. In the Weekly Parish Schedule it could be noted that, at the 4pm Sunday Mass, the parts of the Mass would normally be sung in Latin.

ACTION POINT 4: Fr Bernard will arrange for some Bulletin inserts.

7 Parish Celebrations – “Lives of Service”

A draft leaflet, drawing attention to the parish celebrations of a Golden Jubilee (Fr Pat), a Silver Jubilee (Sr Marianne Donnelly) and the Ordination of Charles Coyle were considered and suggestions offered.

The text of a draft advert for the Scottish Catholic Observer was also agreed.

ACTION POINT 5: Fr Bernard will arrange for advert to appear in the SCO at the start of May.

8 Parish Groups Monthly Focus

Miriam had arranged for the first “Monthly Focus” on the parish Bereavement Group to appear in the Bulletin.

ACTION POINT 6: Miriam will contact parish groups to arrange for some relevant information that she can use to arrange a monthly Parish Focus.

9 Parish Social Events

Fr Bernard reported that he was keen to arrange for the Young Adults group to make a short pilgrimage to Rome in September 2019. He hoped that the parish might subsidise this, pending some fund-raising activity. It was acknowledged that any request for funding would need to go before the Parish Fund-raising group.

It was proposed that the annual Family Summer Outing would be on Saturday 10th August to Largs or Millport.

ACTION POINT 7: Deacon Bill will explore the logistics of a trip to Millport.

10 Dates of future PAMG meetings

- Thursday 9th May at 7pm