

St Columbkille's Rutherglen

## **Parish Mission and Action Group**

Thursday May 9 2019

Present: Fr Pat Hennessy, Fr Bernard Mournian, Owen McAulay,  
Michael McGrath, Miriam McKernan

We opened with prayer.

Thanks to Aileen Dunne for Fr Pat's birthday cake.

### **Action Points from 24/3/19**

#### 1.1 Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy developments will be pursued from August. Fr Pat and Fr Ben have discussed with Irene Lochrin.

Business that may be discussed with schools includes:

- Work experience students in the schools are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy
- Buddying of Pope Francis award and Caritas award students
- Buddying of P6 or Confirmandi class with First Communion class
- Publication of booklet of parish activities for Caritas students

### **Action Fr Pat/ Fr Ben/ Michael**

#### 1.2 Dealt at 1.1

#### 1.3 Lay Ministry

Volunteers have come forward for ministry of Word, Eucharist, Offertory procession, but none for Pass keepers.

Fr Pat/ Fr Ben to discuss with Jim Gallagher and Cathy O'Brien about involving new ministers for Word and Eucharist.

### **Action Fr Pat/ Fr Ben**

Offertory procession rota commenced 4-5/5/19, with some explanation of the process posted beside the rota.

Sashes are being made for passkeepers for Ordination Masses. Fr Pat/ Deacon Bill to assist passkeepers around developing roles for these particular Masses, and going forward.

### **Action Fr Pat/ Deacon Bill**

A commentator might welcome the gathering people, and acknowledge the various lay ministers participating.

The ministries, including the passkeeping ministry, are to be included in the monthly focus items.

### **Action Miriam**

1.4, 1.5 completed

1.6 Parish Monthly Focus has started with Bereavement Support April, and will continue.

### **Action Miriam**

1.7 Largs / Millport see Agenda 7 below

**Agenda 2: Liturgy Lay participants:** cf1.2 above

### **Agenda 3: Review Holy Week Services**

Holy Week services were beautiful, and Good Friday services well attended.

Suggest that the people gather in the yard prior to the Vigil Fire, to avoid bottleneck at main church door.

Attention to microphone please to optimise sound.

### **Agenda 4: Preparations for Sacraments**

All going well for First Communion May 11, and Confirmation May 28

Tea for teachers in Hall May 11

Tea for children in Hall May 12 after 12 MD Mass

Meal for teachers after Confirmation

**Action Fr Pat/ Fr Ben**

Discussion took place around enhancing role of parents in preparation and participation.

Fr Pat has asked children to teach a prayer to their family to be prayed at the celebration.

Clergy are keen that ministries are supported by parents at the sacramental Masses.

**Action Fr Pat/ Michael with school**

**Agenda 5: Parish Celebrations**

40 hours has been arranged by Fr Ben, supported by Fr Kevin, Fr Gerry and Fr Joe, and advertised in SCO

7-8/6/19 Golden Jubilee Mass and trip to Iona. Check we have permission to celebrate Mass in Abbey. Request order of service for Mass in Abbey. It will be the Mass of the feast of St Colmcille.

**Action Miriam** to agree order of service

**Action Miriam and Owen** to lead music

27-28/6/19 Ordination Mass and First Mass.

Core Group to meet 10/5/19

6/7/19 Silver Jubilee

Music has been organised by Aileen

**Action: Order of Service Michael McGrath/ Aileen Dunne**

## **Agenda 6: Caritas and Pope Francis**

Discussed at 1.1. Fr Pat and Fr Ben will take opportunity in course of pastoral meal for teaching staff to highlight opportunities for parish ministry, in addition to social justice work taken on by pupils.

## **Agenda 7: Parish Social Events**

August Family day trip tbc by Deacon Bill and liaison with St Columbkille's school

### **Action: Deacon Bill**

Parish youth Rome pilgrimage

12-16 young persons will travel with Fr Ben September weekend.  
Fundraising to support young people is ongoing

## **Agenda 8: AOCB**

Owen: Faith sharing due Advent 2019.

Action Owen/ Miriam highlight prayer groups in November bulletins

## **Next meeting**

25/8/19 1730 hrs St Columbkille's Parish House

We closed with prayer.