

## Catechesis for Young Adults/Young Adults Faith Group (16-35 years)

The aim of this group is to present the teachings of the Church in an accessible way and demonstrate ways of applying them to our every day lives in the decisions that we make. This will involve some prepared material given by a presenter, followed by a time for discussion and, of equal importance, some time to socialize.

Why not come along, learn more about the Faith and meet new people?

This will initially run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays at 7.00pm, the first meeting being on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, in the church. You do not have to attend every week. We are also planning on going to Lourdes as a group at the start of May, 2023. Contact Fr Mournian for more details.

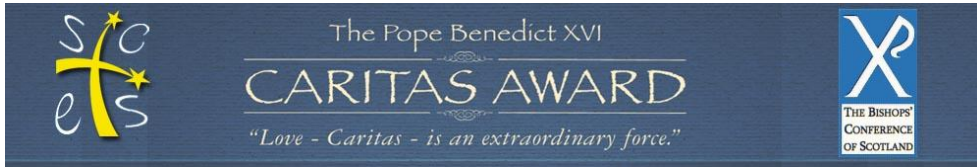
## Devotional Life of the Church

Of course, in addition to all of these Ministries and Groups, the devotional activities such as Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc., are available in our Church every day of the year. In addition to attending these, you should keep your eyes on the Parish Bulletin for information on any additional devotional activities such as Holy Hour, Novena, Rosary, etc. which can help you in your own faith journey.



St Columbkille's Church  
**Parish Involvement Opportunities  
for Caritas Award students**





**The Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award** encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people. It recognises that some are already active and committed within their homes, schools, parishes and dioceses and it invites others to respond to God's call of love. It supports and celebrates the faith witness which young people give within their communities.

This award asks young people to use their faith learning as a starting point for further faith reflection, leading to actions which show their faith witness. Participants in the Caritas Award will be supported in deciding how they can develop and use their gifts in a way that witnesses to God's love ("Caritas") in their communities.

Any pupil in their final year of school can be enrolled to participate in the CARITAS AWARD. Parishes may nominate young people for the award, where no Catholic school is available to do so. The award is designed to be inclusive of all young people and is open to all pupils who can meet the success criteria for the award. Pupils can choose how they would like to record and share their learning, reflection and witness from a number of formats. Pupils studying at all levels will be able to achieve the requirements for the award.

The Parish would like to support any pupil who wishes to enrol to participate in the Award. Remember this Parish belongs to you. It was bought and paid for by your grandparents and great grandparents and we are happy to support this endeavour.

**N.B. While the ministries listed below will help pupils in S6 who are working towards obtaining the Caritas Award, they are suitable for all secondary school pupils and young adults who may be interested.**

## 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 4pm

Maureen Longmuir

Sunday at 9.00am

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 Fr Mournian or come along to weekend Mass and speak to the relevant person.

## Children's Liturgy



At 10.30am Mass on Sundays during school terms, we provide a Children's Liturgy service. This enables children of primary school age to say prayers and learn about the Mass Readings at a level which is suitable to their age. The children explore the message of the Gospel and engage in an activity that is relevant to that Sunday's readings.

We try to have a Children's Mass each month, with children doing the readings and saying the bidding prayers, having been prepared by the adult volunteers. Our volunteers commit to helping out one Sunday in four at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We also meet annually to review our work and to plan for the year ahead.

We are always looking to welcome new volunteers to our group. To find out more about our work, please email: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be an information/training in the oratory for anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at the start of November, details to be announced.

Those who wish to be a Eucharist Minister, must attend Sunday Mass and be present at the Tuesday lunch time Mass in the school.

If you would like to volunteer to become a Eucharistic Minister in the parish, then please contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## 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 on the first Monday of every month at 6.00pm to learn how to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner. The next meeting will be the first Monday of the month at 6.00pm in the church. Training will be given to new servers at this time. We now have a number of adult servers – so the more the merrier!

If you would like to volunteer to join our Altar Serving team, then please contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

### 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 reading 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 you to 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 contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## Welcome Ministry

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 part of the welcome ministry.

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 welcome ministry team 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 part of the team. It would be so good to have our young people involved in this.

If you are interested, or would like some further information, speak to Fr. Mournian: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)



## Society of St. Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society (or as it is often known – the SSVP) is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. Below are some points to note about the organisation:

**Meetings** - We meet on Monday evenings in the Chapel House from 7pm to 8pm to discuss and plan the following week's visits and activities.

**Visits** - Members of the conference visit the sick and housebound and those in need, in their homes and nursing homes.

• **Food Parcels** - We deliver food parcels to families in need. We also work with Rutherglen Foodbank as an official referral agency.

• **Food Bank** – every Saturday morning from the church hall at 9am

• **Furniture Project** - We run a small operation, taking donated furniture and household items to those we know can use them.

• **Clothing** - We do the same with clothing which is donated, as well as helping with school uniforms and First Communion outfits.

• **Bus For Mass** - We operate a bus to 12 o'clock Sunday mass, for those who would otherwise find it difficult to travel to Church.

• **Holidays** - The Diocesan Council of SSVP in Motherwell has three caravans at Seton Sands which we can book to give holidays to anyone who would benefit. One of these caravans is wheelchair-friendly.

• **School Visits** - We visit both Primary and Secondary Schools in the area to inform them about the Society and its work.

• **Gift Tree** - We operate a Gift Tree scheme at Christmas, where specific donated gifts for children are given to children of the families we deal with.



Please e-mail us at: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk) if you would like any more information on the work we do or contact Fr Mournian.

## Fundraising/Social Committee

A group of volunteers who meet to discuss fundraising events and initiatives to help support a number of causes including local projects, Church building fund, etc. For more information, contact. [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)



## RCIA Group



There is a group which supports those who wish to become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or for those that wish to learn more about their faith. If you wish to be involved in this group and accompany someone on their faith journey, meetings take place in the Parish House on Tuesdays at 6.30pm and concludes with tea at approximately 8.30pm. The Group starts meeting in October each year and carries on through Christmas until the following Easter, when Reception into the Church usually happens (if appropriate) and finishes approximately six or seven weeks later at Pentecost. All necessary materials are supplied.

If you, or someone you know, has been Baptised but has not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Communion or Confirmation, and now wish to do so, please contact the RCIA Group who will offer advice for those who are interested. The RCIA Course, which will prepare individuals to receive these Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in 2023, begins in early October 2022.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Fr Bernard on 0141 647 6034 and leave your name and address and contact number. This contact can be made at any time during the year.

## Parish History Group

This is a new group of like-minded individuals who meet to research local history. They are currently looking at the history of the Parish of St Columbkille's and are in the process of putting a book together and producing a DVD.

The group meets on a Monday at 7.00pm. For more information, contact Fr Mournian

## Sacristy



St Columbkille's is a very busy Parish, liturgically. Any help in the Sacristy preparing for Liturgies would be of great help. This would involve: preparing the vessels to be used in the Celebration of Holy Mass, ensuring lights are on, candles are lit, etc.

If this is something you would be interested in helping with either during the week or at the weekend, then please speak to our head Sacristan, Marie Tedeschi or contact. [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## Church Grounds Maintenance

As part of our commitment to making St Columbkille's a place of beauty and welcome, we strive to keep our grounds well tended. With the Church property being large in size, it is difficult for our gardener to keep on top of all that the garden requires. To assist with this anytime, we are always looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two to help out. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served afterward. For more information contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## Church Cleaning

The Church Cleaning group meet after 10am Mass every Wednesday morning to clean the Church: hoovering the carpets, mopping the floor, dusting the pews etc. The work is usually completed by around 12 noon with a short break for tea. The church is then free in time for 1.00pm Mass. All volunteers are welcome – those who can manage just turn up to help. The group varies from 10 to 15 members, with no commitment necessary to attend every time. Some volunteers come regularly and others occasionally, just when they can manage. If you would like to join our team please come along any Wednesday morning or contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## First Tuesday Club



The 1st Tuesday Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. The club was established to provide a Forum for people living with Dementia and for their Carers. The Club strives to provide entertainment and stimulation for sufferers, which often involves music and games whilst providing support for their carers, both on a one-to-one basis or as a group.

Should you know of anyone who suffers from Dementia or cares for someone who has Dementia and would benefit from such support, please contact Pat McCarron on 07841 631378.

## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meet in the Parish House every week. Under the guidance of our Spiritual Director, Father Hennessy, we visit parishioners who are sick/housebound/ in their homes and in Nursing Homes/Hospitals. We also work with pupils in St Columbkille's Primary School. Our works for the future include: School Rosary (May and October), Book Barrow at Landemer Day in June, Fatima Devotions at Carfin Grotto on the 13th of each Month (May to October).

We always welcome new members. To find out more about the Legion of Mary, please email: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## Carols by Candlelight

....We are looking for volunteers to assist with distributing carol sheets, etc. Anyone who is interested should turn up at 6.30pm sharp on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please come in full school uniform.

For more information, contact: [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk)

## The 137<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille's Scout Group (For Young Men and Women)



The groups meet in St Mark's Hall every Wednesday during term time.

**Scouts will meet 7.30pm to 9.00pm, for ages 10½ to 14 years:** Scouts aims to build and develop young people's confidence, sense of adventure and outdoor skills, as well as encouraging them to explore their beliefs and attitudes and be creative.

**Young Leaders and Explorers aged 14 to 17 are welcome for the whole evening (from 6.30pm):** With the support, direction and guidance of Unit leaders, Explorer Scouts are encouraged to lead themselves, design their own programme and work towards the top awards that Scouting offers. With exciting prospects like being a part of camps and expeditions both home and abroad, adventurous activities such as mountaineering, parascending and off shore sailing, Explorers offers fun and adventure for all.

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 or contact [frmournian@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmournian@rcdom.org.uk).

## Youth Group

This is a new initiative and the help of Caritas pupils would be much appreciated. The group will meet on Monday evenings from 6.00-7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a meeting for volunteers on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm in the meeting room next to the Sacristy.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This is a religious education programme for children aged 3-6 years, offering an age appropriate opportunity for prayer, meditation and religious development. Sessions are held in the Parish Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) on Sundays from 11.45am – 1230pm. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Deacon Michael: [deaconross@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:deaconross@rcdom.org.uk)