



St Mary's Church
70 Bannatyne Street
Lanark, ML11 7JS



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Pastoral Planning Council

Since inception the PPC has met regularly and has been involved in leading or assisting the following projects:

- Website Development - this is a large and important undertaking as an organization the webpage is frequently the first point of information. A new webpage has been developed and it will contain all the details of the parish groups within the parish, history of the St Mary's, a link to the Diocesan website, copy of the PPC Constitution and much more. Once live, volunteers will be sought to monitor and update this website on a regular basis.
- Corpus Christi Procession – this took place after Mass and was led by the children who attend Children's liturgy. This will now be an annual event with the next one taking place on Sunday 3 June 2018 during 10.30 Mass.
- Hymn Books – all have been checked with supplements replaced and spines renewed. These will be regularly checked.
- Altar Servers – two parishioners have volunteered to prepare, train and support altar servers. Both have had the necessary security checks to allow this work to begin. Any- one interested in serving should contact Fr. Jim.
- Young Readers – have been identified to read at Sunday morning Mass and they have been prepared for this ministry. Dates have been identified and they will read for the first time on 22 April 2018 at Sunday Mass
- Baptismal Preparation – A parishioner has volunteered to prepare families for their children's baptism. Consultation with St Athanasius Parish has allowed us learn from their group which has been in place for a year.
- Faith Cards – are available at the back of the Church. Any question relating to faith can be asked and the question and response published in the bulletin.
- Contemplative Prayer Group – established and meets on a Wednesday evening. A Lenten Prayer Group met during Lent and materials were also available on line at www.lentretreat.uk

- Information pack for new parishioners – this has been compiled and will welcome new parishioners with:-
 - welcome statement and parish prayer from Fr Jim,
 - invitation to participate in parish life
 - story of the Parish,
 - basic information on the Church including details of daily worship, Sacraments, Ministries, parish groups, schools and more.
- Fabric and Finance Group has been reconstituted. They met in February 2018 and discussed the constitution and aims of that group as well as parish finances, repair of the roof and parish debt. A full report will be given to the parish from this group annually?

- Church Notice Boards – these have been revamped and are being regularly checked and updated with parish information.
- Car parking, heating in the Church, ongoing maintenance in the Clubrooms and Church Notice Board for the gate have been discussed and are ongoing matters.
- AND FINALLY - The Christmas Fayre – a committee is being formed to organise a Christmas Fayre in December 2018 and volunteers are sought for this. Anyone with ideas/interested in helping, including families, contact Patricia Tait.

All the above Parish groups and activities are always looking for volunteers to either join or help and participate in their activities. Please don't be shy to let us know what you're happy to be involved in.

We would also love to hear of any other ideas and initiatives that you might have for our parish.

There are several members of the PPC and should you have any questions or suggestions please contact any one of us.

For any further information: Email: admin@stmaryslanark.org.uk