

The parish meeting decided to set up an anniversary committee to co-ordinate the celebrations and to establish sub committees to implement the detailed suggestions.

Anniversary Committee

Jim McKelvie
Tom Grant
Ann McCrossan
John Fox
Helen Sloan
Geraldine Marsh
Karen Smith
Ronnie Fox
Bridie Moulds

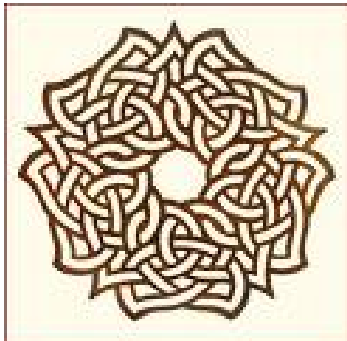
Pastoral and Spiritual Sub Committee

Mary McKelvie
Angela Groome
Peter O'Donnell
Ronnie Fox
Agnes McKee
John Fox

Hall and Social Sub Committee

(This sub committee may divide into
two separate sub committees)

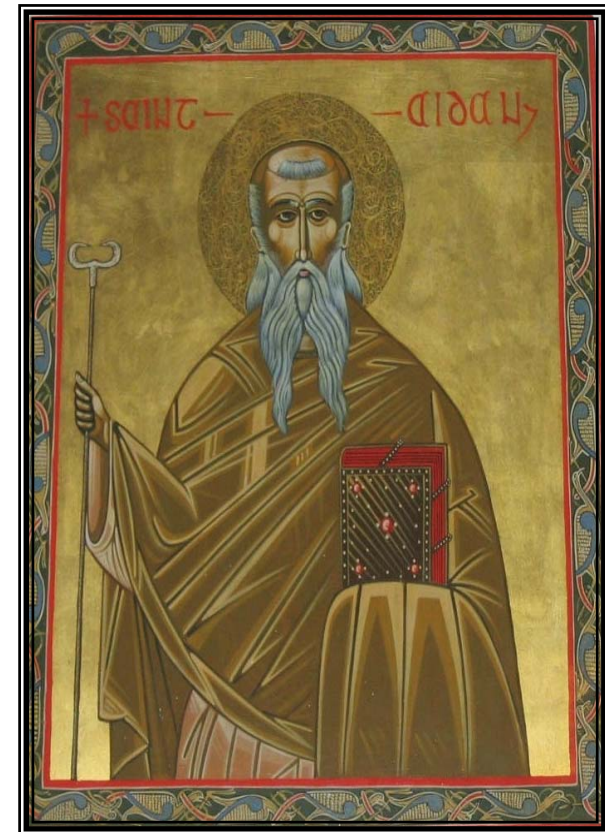
Claire Montgomery
Carole Corr
Cathy McCallum
Anne Marie Naules
Mary Arley
Helen Sloan
Geraldine Marsh
Karen Smith
Maureen Murray
Eddie Muir
Jim McKelvie
Fiona McKay
Annie Hattie
Margaret McDowell
Fr King



St Aidan's Parish

50th Anniversary Newsletter

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**Information for parishioners on the arrangements
being made for our 50th Anniversary**

50th Anniversary

1960 to 2010

The parish meeting held on Monday 26th October decided to base its planning for our Anniversary celebrations around three main themes: Pastoral, Spiritual and Social.

They also agreed that we should set up a hall committee to consider improvements to the parish hall.

The action points for the main themes are:

Pastoral

- A parish mission
- House Masses for the housebound
- Establish a caring group to help those recently bereaved; those just out of hospital; those needing transport to and from Mass
- Conduct a parish census
- Celebrate the first couple married and the first child baptised in the Parish
- Increase the number of parish ministers, particularly ministers of the Eucharist.
- If possible arrange to say Mass in the house Fr Woods lived in before the parish house was built

Spiritual

- Celebrate a parish Mass for all parishioners and priests of the parish who have died over the last 50 years
- Celebrate a special mass for the sick of the parish
- Arrange a joint special service with St. Marks who are also celebrating their 50th anniversary
- Arrange a special Mass for the

Feast of St Aidan, involving all parish organisations including both primary and high schools

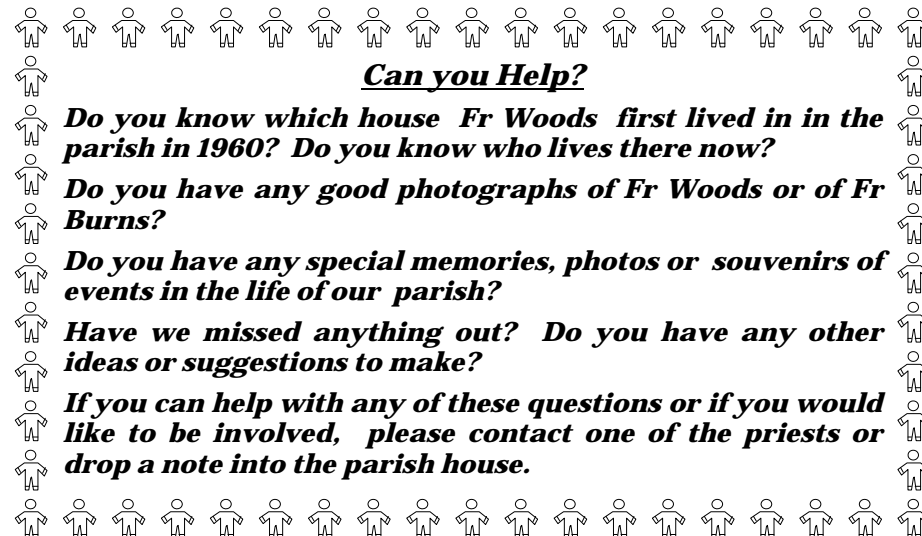
- Hold a special golden jubilee Mass with the Bishop .
- Arrange a special service involving all youth organisations in the parish
- Monthly Holy Hour

Social

- Regular social / concert nights
- Dinner / dance or dinner held jointly with St Marks
- Children's party or fun day
- Lunch or treat for the elderly
- Reminiscence night on the history of the parish, perhaps leading to a display of photographs etc
- Parish pilgrimage to Iona or Lindisfarne

General

- Arrange to display photographs of all parish priests
- Adopt a charity and fund raise for it during the year.
- Publish a booklet on the work of the parish and its organisations over the last 50 years
- Anniversary gift for St Marks



Can you Help?

Do you know which house Fr Woods first lived in in the parish in 1960? Do you know who lives there now?

Do you have any good photographs of Fr Woods or of Fr Burns?

Do you have any special memories, photos or souvenirs of events in the life of our parish?

Have we missed anything out? Do you have any other ideas or suggestions to make?

If you can help with any of these questions or if you would like to be involved, please contact one of the priests or drop a note into the parish house.

You Can Help!

The anniversary celebrations are for all parishioners. We will need your help to make the celebrations a success. We will need more people to be involved at all sorts of levels throughout the year. Please don't leave it all to someone else.

For example you can help by becoming a volunteer driver to take the elderly to Sunday Mass or by helping with the parish census. You can help by taking part in the events organised.

Details of how to volunteer to help with the anniversary events will be published in the next newsletter.

Evening Retreat

The evening retreat held on Wednesday 28th October was the start of our preparations for the 50th anniversary.

Fr Stephen Motroni, a Sacred Heart Father based at Kilwinning, gave us a stimulating, thought provoking and very well received talk.

What a pity that only 28 people turned up to hear him.