



# St Quivox Church

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Sunday Mass: 9:45am & 6pm at St Quivox, Prestwick and 11.30am at St Ann's, Mossblown  
Weekday Mass: 10am Monday and Thursday, both at St Quivox

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Bulletins:** From today we will once again have a weekly bulletin, but since all the information in it is also available on the parish Website, and in the interest in saving waste, costs and the planet, I would ask that you only take one if you need one, or for those who have difficulty getting to church and are without access to the internet. If there is anything you would like included in the bulletin please hand it in before midday Thursday.

**Parish Meeting:** The parish meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, provided everyone an opportunity to express a wide variety of opinions related to the themes suggested by the Diocesan Synod Team; what we can build on, what we need to develop and what we need to address. While, at times, it was clear that people held differing, even opposing, points of view, there were a few common themes identified.

During the course of the meeting everyone was given the opportunity to record their thoughts, which are displayed on the main notice board in the church, along with supplementary comments made during the groups' feedback.

One major theme identified during the course of the evening was the importance of good communication, from the need for a weekly bulletin, particularly for those without access to the internet, to the need to develop our presence on social media. Good communication was seen as important not only to inform parishioners of what is happening in the parish, but also in other churches, the diocese and the local community.

Social media was one tool identified that might be used to help develop the already strong sense of welcome in the parish. While most who come to St Quivox find the parish very welcoming, a question arose over how we might extend that welcome beyond the walls of the church, to those who don't come. Particular reference was made to young families and the youth, as well as members of other churches. Social events were one suggestion for when we might invite others to St Quivox and extend a welcome to them.

The scarcity of young people in church was again highlighted as a concern for many, with several suggestions being made as to how we might attract the youth to become more involved in our parish, from making our liturgies more appealing with the inclusion of folk hymns and music from Taize, to having a youth club. The role of Catholic schools in supporting and encouraging young people in their faith was also raised.

While many of the issues raised focused on how we do things within our parish community, other comments invited us to look outward, to our relationship with other parishes, churches, the diocese and the wider community.

These are only a few of the major themes that surfaced, but all of the comments made can be seen on the notice board, and over the next few months all will be considered. In fact, some suggestions are already being addressed by the various groups that have already begun meeting. Some will also, no doubt, be discussed further at the next parish meeting in September.

**St Ninian's Primary** and Early Years Centre will be moving location to a shared campus with Glenburn on Sherwood Road. While we are excited about this and will remain St Ninian's primary, it is definitely the end of an era. To mark the closing of our current school building we are inviting staff, pupils and parents (past and present)- indeed anyone with fond memories of our school to our celebration event. It will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm. The school community looks forward to welcoming you all for a trip down memory lane!

**Safeguarding Officer:** Sincere thanks to Angelina, who for the past few years has been our safeguarding officer. Due to other commitments, Angelina is now stepping down from this position and we are looking for someone else to take on the role. One of the responsibilities will be to help all those within the parish who work with children or vulnerable adults obtain and maintain their PVG certificates, which will be required before some of the newer volunteers can start.



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