

Glencoe Mission Parish Service Team 28 July 2026

In Attendance

Fr Joseph Udoh MSP

Maria MacDonald

Ann Marie Cameron

Chris Boles

Apologies

Kevin Sweeney

At: 6.00pm, St Mun's Chapel House

Opening Prayer

We opened the meeting with prayer.

Finance and Fabric Committee

Fr Joe reported that the parish 'Finance and Fabric Committee' was now more or less in place and will hold their first meeting in late August or early September. Dates have been offered and are to be confirmed.

The Future of Mission in the Diocese

Fr Joe reported that Bishop Brian plans to hold an intensive consultation to plan for the future of mission in our diocese. This will require two members of every parish committing to take part in an online group that will meet weekly for 9 weeks.

Names of people that might possibly represent our parish were raised and Fr Joe will approach people to explain the process and ask them to take part.

Eucharistic Ministers

We discussed the hope and possibility to begin receiving communion under both kinds, and to have eucharistic ministers trained for this and for taking communion to the sick and housebound. Names of people who might be invited to this were raised and Fr Joe will invite people to take up this important ministry.

Diocesan Restructuring

We briefly discussed the letter from the Bishops of Scotland about diocesan restructuring but concluded we did not, as yet, have sufficient information to discuss very much or to make any recommendations.

Catechetical Programme

Fr Joe indicated that he will begin a new programme of catechetical training for those interested in becoming Catholic, using resource material that is currently in use in the Archdiocese of Edinburgh and in the 'Sycamore' programme. He is also hoping to have programmes for First Reconciliation/Holy Communion and confirmation for children and young people respectively.

Social Event

We discussed the possibility of an ecumenical social event, most probably in the Highland Getaway in Kinlochleven, perhaps some time in mid-November. Maria will take the lead and will approach people from other churches in the area to make it a collaborative event as much as possible.

Fundraising Raffle

We plan to have a Christmas Raffle, for which Ann Marie will take the lead. All being well it will be drawn on December 20th. Being so close to Christmas it was agreed it should NOT be accompanied by a coffee morning this time, as the planning of this so close to Christmas would be problematic. We would, though, draw the raffle on the 20th in the parish house to which everyone will be invited and for which refreshments etc would be provided.

Coffee after Sunday Mass

Fr Joe has kindly agreed that even though he has to dash off to Mingarry after Mass on Sundays there is no reason we as parishioners cannot use the house for coffee and tea after mass. This is a very welcome gesture from Fr Joe and plans will be made to put this into place. Details of a starting date will be in the Newsletter and on the parish website.

Ballachulish Christmas Carols

It was agreed that the St Mun's would like to be more involved in the Christmas Carols that normally take place in Ballachulish Village Hall. Fr Joe agreed to liaise with various people in the village to a) make it known we'd be very happy to take part in planning and b) identify possible people to take this on.