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## ST. CADOC'S R.C. CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A **11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**



**JOIN CANON EDDIE**  
 for live-streamed Holy Mass  
**Sundays at 10am**

[Available on Parish website/ YouTube](#)

**OPEN CHURCH** Due to the rising costs of heating and lighting it is not possible to have the church opened outside of Mass/Service times. Please know that the church will be open at least one hour before all Masses or Services to allow for some private prayer. Thank you for your understanding.

**S.S.V.P.** To contact a member of the Society, please phone **07561 640489**. Newsletter is available on Parish web.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Children (pre-school year - Primary 4 incl) are eligible to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this

special Ministry. If you are interested or wish to find out more about what's involved please contact: Catherine Senior (Tel. 07555 094304, or by email: [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)) for further information. Please give serious consideration to this request as we are always short of leaders and it is a good way to be involved in our Parish community. It should be noted that anyone working with children in the Parish must be a PVG scheme member and it is also mandatory that volunteers attend a child protection training meeting. This process can be easily arranged through the Diocese.

**Children's Liturgy - Nativity Play** The children will be presenting a short Nativity play during the **10am Mass on Sunday 18th December**.

All welcome! Following the Mass, everyone is invited into the Pastoral & Social Centre for some festive fun and refreshments!!

**SOLACE Bereavement Support Group** was formed from the Parish Pastoral Council to support families in a time of bereavement. Working closely with the Parish Priest and the family - for as long as they are needed - the Group offers advice on what to do when a loved one dies especially in relation to the planning and preparing for the celebration of the funeral liturgies. If you wish to contact SOLACE, please call 0141 6391073.

### HOLY MASS and THE SACRAMENTS

#### HOLY MASS

Monday – Friday at 10am  
 Saturday (Vigil) – 4pm  
 Sunday – 10am and 12 noon

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

6.30pm Vigil and 10am

Live-streamed Mass: Sundays only at 10am

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30-11.30am

#### FUNERALS

*Requiem Masses will be live-streamed only if requested by the Families.*

#### BAPTISM

Sundays at 1.30pm

#### MARRIAGE

By arrangement.

*(Marriage preparation required.)*

**Public recitation of the Rosary**  
**each morning before Mass**  
**at 9.30am Monday to Friday**

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

*Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th Dec.*

*Vigils at 4pm & 6.30pm.*

*Christmas Day - Sunday 25th Dec.*

*Masses at 10am & 12 Noon.*

*Please note: The 4pm Vigil Mass is popular with families/children. There is no ticket system this year.*



**Please pray for the victims of the war in Ukraine.**

Please remember in your prayers those who have asked for our prayers, especially all affected by Covid-19 and all who care for them.

**For those who are sick:** Anne Coates, Bill Reed, Ina Kelly, Ian Monan, Brian McGrenaghan, Patricia Sweeney, Adrienne Heggarty, John Caldwell, Eilis O'Neill & Helen Gilliland.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.**

**For those who died recently:**

Brian Hissett, Jenny Sullivan, Mary McKendry, Philomena Curran, Fr. Pat O'Farrell, Canon Patrick Kelly, Bob Norman & Terry Bryant.

**Requiescant in Pace**

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patricia Gallagher, Sally Smith, Frank Woods, Donnie Kennedy & Kerry Gallagher.

**Requiescant in Pace**

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish through Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Pay Portals, envelopes and the basket in the porch of the church. *These continue to be difficult times for everyone financially so please simply give what you can. Your financial support is always very much appreciated and more so given the on-going impact of Covid-19 on our lives.* Canon Eddie  
 QR code - linked to our Parish PAYA Charity On-line Giving page: You may find it more convenient to scan our QR code so that you can use your phone to take you straight to the donation page



**VOTIVE CANDLES** All offerings received from the candles will be donated to the Parish Ecclesiastical Students Fund to support the education and formation of our student priests.

### TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS FOR MARY'S MEALS

(after 10 am Mass)  
 Thank you for your support and generosity. Why not come along? All welcome.

### CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP:

**Next date: JANUARY 2023** For more information, please contact Síle Hissett - 07882037314.

**Parish Pastoral Council** Keep up to date with what's happening in the Parish. Minutes of the PPC meetings are available to read/download on Parish web.

### SUPPORT for UKRAINIAN

**REFUGEES** SCIAF have collated a selection of ways to help people in or fleeing Ukraine during this terrible time. Please visit [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) for more details. Information is also available to read/download on our web (SCIAF page).

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** St. Cadoc's links with Eastwood Ecumenical Peace & Justice Forum. Latest news available to read/download on Parish web (*Home/ Justice & Peace* pages).

### FEASTS of the WEEK

Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Lucy
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. John of The Cross
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	

*Click on this page to access more news/events*

**ADVENT LITURGIES** You are invited to participate in a Marian service **Monday to Friday at 9.30am** to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The service will consist of Adoration, Rosary and Reflection on the Liturgy of the Day. This would be an ideal opportunity for you to take time out of your busy schedule and prepare spiritually for the great Solemnity of the Lord's birth. See you there!

**SICK LIST** As a parish community we pray for those who are sick at Mass. Your prayers have been appreciated by the recipients and their families who made the request. It would be helpful for all of us to know the present state of each person's wellbeing. Please contact Canon Eddie with an update.

**WARM PLACE** St Cadoc's **Pastoral & Social Centre will be open every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm – 4.30pm** to offer a warm, safe place to meet. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be available. Join us for a chat, activities (eg playing cards, puzzles etc) or simply to enjoy a quiet area. **All welcome.**

**GLASGOW THE CARING CITY** Annually, during the season of Advent, the **Children's Liturgy Group** bring Christmas gifts for distribution to this charity which seeks to help children in crisis both at home and overseas. The gifts which the children bring are distributed by the charity to needy families in the West of Scotland in time for Christmas. For some children, this may be the only present that they receive and the charity are always extremely grateful for any gifts that are donated from our Parish. It is appreciated, especially at this time of year, that there are many demands placed upon your generosity. We invite all individuals/families in the Parish who can to participate in this initiative. You are asked to bring a gift - suitable for a boy or girl (or both) aged between birth and sixteen years of age. The gift should be wrapped and a gift tag placed on the outside stating whether the gift is for a boy/girl/or both and the age group the gift is suitable for. **The gifts will be taken to the charity at the end of the 10am Mass on Sunday 11th December.** Please place your gift in the box in the Church Hall by this date. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior on: 07555 094304 or by email: [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com).

**ST. CADOC'S SSVP** *Thank you for your support and generosity.*

If you or someone you know would benefit from either a visit or financial assistance, please phone us. Our number is **07561640489**. Alternatively, please contact Canon Eddie and he will give your details to us, or speak to us after Mass.

If you would like to join the St Cadoc's SSVP Conference please phone or speak to us or Canon Eddie.

*More information and photos see our SSVP page on the Parish web.*

**DOUBLE THE LOVE** From **1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023** donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. ***It costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year!***

**SCIAF APPEALS** Should you wish to make further donations please visit: [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) Thank you for your support; please pray for all who work for SCIAF and all whom they help.

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE** **SUNDAY MORNING TEAS & COFFEES** Thank you to all who have so kindly agreed to volunteer to serve teas/coffees following the Sunday morning Masses. We have had a great response to our appeal. It is our intention to start early in the New Year. In the meantime, please watch this space for further information. The Social Committee will meet with the volunteers early in January to discuss arrangements, rotas etc. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please email: Catherine Senior, [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)

**INVITATION to PARISHIONERS:** Would you be willing to volunteer for the Parish Social Committee which organises social events in the parish? **Your parish needs you!** If you are interested, please let Canon Eddie know or email Catherine Senior: [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)

**BURNS SUPPER & CEILIDH** **Save The Date!** The Parish Social Committee are organising their first event, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm** in the **Parish Pastoral & Social Care Centre**. **Tickets £15. BYOB**

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE FOODBANK**

St. Cadoc's is a Collection Point for the East Renfrewshire Foodbank. Items can be placed in the trolley provided at the entrance to the church. For further information about the Foodbank, please contact **Agnes Brown on 07803052132**.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** for Newton Mearns/Westacres/Crookfur. This is a committee formed just few months ago. We meet every **1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm**, Albertslund Community Hall at Westacres, G77 6WW. We would like to invite anyone living in the area to attend the meetings and take part in making our Community a better place for all. The agenda and minutes are available in East Renfrewshire website.

**A leaflet, compiled by a parishioner of St. James' Parish, Renfrew, has information on help and support for those struggling with the rising cost of living and help available in Renfrewshire.** Copies available in the church and on Parish web (Faith in Action/Here for You page...)

## AROUND OUR DIOCESE

**LIVE STREAM MASSES:** Services can be accessed via the Diocesan website: [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk)

Also, to hear Canon Stephen's **DIAL-A-MASS:** **telephone 0141 473 4869.** Mass is recorded daily around 10am and is available to listen to anytime.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** 2022 Each month we will have a Diocesan Safeguarding thought to help us continue the focus on this important priority. The thought for **December** is:

***Together we will continue to ensure that our parishes are safe places where prevention is a key message***

**CAROLS in ST. MIRIN'S CATHEDRAL – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2pm.** A Diocesan annual event. It's a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a Diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. All donations will go towards SPRED.

**SYNOD 2021-2024** The Papal Synod timeline has now been extended, by a year, to 2024. The document for the Continental Stage has now been published and is available on the Diocesan website homepage. This will be the focus of the European Assembly in February 2023. Please send any comments to [Synod23@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Synod23@rcdop.org.uk)

**YOUNG ADULTS' PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** The Diocesan Office for Pastoral Formation of Young Adults is organising a pilgrimage to coincide with the Diocesan and Youth to Lourdes pilgrimages in 2023, from **30<sup>th</sup> June until 7<sup>th</sup> July**. The cost will be a maximum of £500 per person. If you're aged 18-35 and would like to know more, or if you would like to register your interest, please email Fr Ryan ([ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe ([joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)). **Deposits of £100 should be paid before the end of January 2023.**

### **DIVINE MERCY MONTHLY MASS & DEVOTIONS**

***Please note there is no Divine Mercy Mass in the month of December.***

***The next Mass will be on Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 7 p.m.***

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION** The Diocesan Communications Commission (which meets every 2-3 months) is responsible for all Diocesan communications, to ensure a frequent, consistent and synodal message. We wish to increase the number of representatives, especially recruiting people who are/have been engaged in media & communications. If interested, or want more information, please contact Canon Danny McLoughlin at [standrew@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:standrew@rcdop.org.uk).

**FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE** Will you fast and pray every First Friday for Life? Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the Diocese (October '22 – July '23) for a Novena of Masses on the First Fridays as we pray for life! All dates/venues (see below) are also available on our Parish web (Pro-Life page)

### **2022**

7<sup>th</sup> October - St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley

4<sup>th</sup> November - St Joseph's, Clarkston

2<sup>nd</sup> December - St Laurence's, Greenock

### **2023**

6<sup>th</sup> January - St John's, Barrhead

3<sup>rd</sup> February - St Francis', Port Glasgow

3<sup>rd</sup> March - Little Sisters of the Poor, Greenock

7<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday

5<sup>th</sup> May - St Mary's, Paisley

2<sup>nd</sup> June - St Aidan's, Johnstone

7<sup>th</sup> July - St Joseph's, Greenock

**The format of each evening is as follows:** Mass of the day is to be offered at 7pm by the Parish Priest for the Pro-Life Movement. Adoration & Confessions before Mass *if possible*.

**FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS** Join us in St Mirin's Cathedral or online from 8am for Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Scriptural Meditation and Simple Benediction. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. STREAM LINK: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/first-saturday-fatima-devotions>

**THINK VOCATION** "The time has come." Pray for those who are discerning what life God is calling them to. If that is you, why not speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel 01418892602.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – PART ONE – Church Volunteers: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston.** As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic Church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. If you would like to attend this training session, please contact SarahJane Colhoun on 0141 847 6138 or [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk)



## **SAFEGUARDING MATTERS:**

**REPORT OF THE SCIE AUDIT - August 2022** - is available to read/download on our Parish web and at: [Diocese of Paisley | Social Care Institute for Excellence Independent Audit of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Paisley August 2022 | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](#)

**Safeguarding Training Video for New Volunteers** is available to view on our Parish web.

**Safeguarding Newsletter** The most recent issue of *Safeguarding Matters*, the newsletter of the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency which can be found on our Diocesan website [www.rcdop.org.uk](http://www.rcdop.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS FETE** at **The Little Sister of the Poor, Greenock** Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. 2pm-4.30pm.** 44 Union Street, Greenock, PA16 8DP. There is plenty on offer for all the family including – bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Santa's Grotto and kiddies' corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tearoom and there will be an ice cream van on the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.  
Admission FREE. Tea and Coffee available.

**NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMPETITIONS** The Knights of St. Columba have organised National competitions for young people. All details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/KSCYoungPeopleCompetition2023> **Details also available to read/download on our Parish web.**

**Youth to Lourdes 2023** Our pilgrimage returns this summer. In s3-s6? Do you wish to serve others? Learn more about your faith? Meet other young people? If so, then Youth to Lourdes could be for you. This year the pilgrimage will leave Scotland on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We will arrive in Lourdes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The pilgrimage costs £650. Want to know more? Contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

**Adam's House, Johnstone** Are you able to care for people with dementia at Adam's House? The Adam's House residents need the care of other human beings who can sit with them, be patient with them and see beyond the dementia to the person that they are, helping them to live in a happy and nurturing environment. For further details for working as a carer, domestic or office staff member, please contact Marjory at Adam's House on 01505 337 322 or email: [marjory.perrit@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:marjory.perrit@crossreach.org.uk)

**Paisley Diocese supports Setting Out on the Road** The course which leads to the award of the Catholic Teacher's Certificate (CTC) enabling the recipient to teach Religious Education in the Catholic school. It is taught by the St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education at the University of Glasgow. Setting Out on the Road is for qualified teachers who have not yet obtained their CTC. If you have applied to Glasgow University for this course, the cost is fully refunded by the diocese on completion of the course and by attending bishop John's Monthly support seminars. For seminar dates please contact Marianne Boland by emailing [curia@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:curia@rcdop.org.uk)

**Marriage and family webpage** The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2>

**Marriage Counselling Service:** Our Diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence: [counselling@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)  
Please note that the updated telephone number for the marriage counselling service in our Diocese is now: **07706 063936**

## **FUNDRAISING for HCPT 2022/23.**

The published book, *Celtic Minded 5* (£15), is being sold from some parish stalls to allow around £5 of its proceeds to help local HCPT Lourdes funds (with 25% also going to the Celtic FC Foundation charity). Several chapters have a particularly Catholic and religious focus (schools, community, charity, ethos, heritage), including from Bishop John who reflects on Celtic's Catholic roots and their meaning for the Church today. If you can take a box (26 copies) or can use contacts to help raise money to send kids and helpers to Lourdes this coming July and at Easter 2023, please contact Dr Joe Bradley, editor, at [jmbradleyresearch@gmail.com](mailto:jmbradleyresearch@gmail.com)

## **WARNING – SCAM EMAILS Pretending to be from Parish Priests or Diocese**

All Parishioners should be aware there have been a number of scams email pretending to be from Parish Priests, asking for payments to be made or for vouchers to be purchased on behalf of the priest. The latest emails are not from our official @rcdop.org.uk domain but even if they appeared to be - **DO NOT RESPOND to the emails.** Our Diocesan policy is that we will never email you to make any purchase or bank transfer on our behalf. If you do get such an email, please contact your Parish Priest preferably by phone or create a **new** email to the Parish (i.e. do not reply to the one you received). A good general principle is that you do not respond to unsolicited emails.

## FURTHER AFIELD

**CAROLS FOR PEACE 2022** Come and join The Lord Provost, with Glasgow Churches Together supported by the St Mungo Singers, the Salvation Army Band, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist and Music Ensemble. We will pray for peace in our world but particularly Bethlehem, our Twin City. Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square in all its Christmas Splendour where the Crib still has a place of prominence. Everyone is welcome to this very important event in the calendar of Glasgow Churches Together and Glasgow City Council. A collection will be taken up for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children. **Sunday 11th December at 3pm**

### **Church Speaker at Mary's Meals UK : About this volunteering opportunity**

Would you like the opportunity to support Mary's Meals' work to feed hungry children in some of the world's poorest countries and help give them a brighter future? We're looking for church speakers to join our global movement, to help raise awareness about Mary's Meals amongst church congregations in Lanarkshire.

As a Church Speaker you can become part of our local volunteer group and share information and updates on the work of Mary's Meals with church congregations, inspiring them to support our work. Volunteering is fulfilling and fun. By gifting your precious free time to Mary's Meals, you can learn useful new skills, meet new people, and make a valuable contribution to our important work to reach more hungry children with life-changing meals in schools. We really need your help so we can keep our promise to the more than 2 million children who rely on a nutritious daily meal at school from Mary's Meals, especially as Covid-19 has hit many developing countries so hard. **WHAT ARE MARY'S MEALS UK LOOKING FOR?** We are looking for confident speakers who are passionate about ending child hunger and ensuring that every child receives a daily meal in a place of education. Church speakers can help contribute to our work by sharing our story with local churches and faith groups, helping to inspire them to support us with prayers, donations or by becoming volunteers themselves. Church speakers can also choose to get involved in other activities, such as helping to organise fundraising events, distributing promotional materials or providing administrative support. This is a great opportunity to enhance your communication skills, while also making a huge impact on the lives of some of the world's poorest children. We have great opportunities to put your skills to good use, and we will provide training and support to help you feel confident in your role. To find out more, please [www.marysmeal.org.uk/vo:unteering](http://www.marysmeal.org.uk/vo:unteering) or email [mailto:info@marysmeals.org%E2%80%AFor]info@marysmeals.org or call us on **0800 698 1212**

**DEFEND PRO-LIFE VIGILS** The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill will soon be in Holyrood. \*It will be illegal to "influence or persuade a person concerning their access to or employment in connection with abortion services". This would prevent women being offered help outside clinics. It would even prevent a family member or social worker expressing an opinion to a woman about her abortion. \*People will be criminalised for "persistently, continuously, or repeatedly occupying a safe access zone" - so even silent prayer would not be allowed. \*Anyone taking part in a Pro-Life vigil (i.e. Catholics) in Scotland would be subject to a six-month jail sentence for a first offence, and to two years for subsequent breaches. Please email your MSP about this attack against the civil rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights - "Say no to buffer zones" Please visit the SPUC website for a detailed critique.

### **CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE: Short courses/ongoing training in Catholic theology and philosophy**

The CHC's Faith & Reason series of short courses is particularly aimed at senior leaders, teachers and catechists seeking to develop their understanding of the Church's vision in today's society.

Further information & booking: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-2/>

### **THEODORE HOUSE: a venue for retreat and R&R**

The CHC's residential facility, Theodore House, reopens to the public from July 2022 and offers B&B stays for individuals and small groups, as well as a unique venue for retreats, conferences and meetings. Superb value with comfortable and modern amenities on the beautiful Stonyhurst estate in the heart of the Ribble Valley. Contact [manager@theodorehouse.com](mailto:manager@theodorehouse.com) for enquiries.

### **RETRouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages**

**Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for a **Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## ON-LINE

### **COMMUNITY CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**Every Friday evening** people gather on-line **at 7pm** for this half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Coming up some of our suggested topics are Justice and Peace, Friendship in Jesus, The Mysteries of Light and The Gifts of the Spirit.

Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the access the **Zoom link** via [Diocese of Paisley | Community Circle of Prayer | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](https://www.diocesecircleofprayer.org.uk/)

**ALPHA COURSE** St Bernadette's Meeting Room, Park Drive, Erskine - **begins Wednesday 11 January**, 7pm—8.30pm. Three ways of taking part in an Alpha Course: **In Person/Online via Zoom/Mixture of both**. To register please visit: [www.catholicerskine.website/alpha](http://www.catholicerskine.website/alpha)

**What is Alpha?** Alpha is a course used for bringing people to a deeper understanding of Jesus in their life. **Alpha is a series of fourteen sessions delivered over a 10-week period.** The format of each session is always the same.

Part 1: informal get together;

Part 2: watch a video;

Part 3: a period of discussion.

**FAMILY ROSARY BOOK** We invite all families to make a special pledge: to pray the family rosary at home every day. Family Rosary books have been specially commissioned and printed to guide families in this simple devotion. Please visit:

[www.marriagefamilylife.org/books](http://www.marriagefamilylife.org/books)

### **RIGHT TO LIFE:**

**Links via which you can register your views on current concerns. *It only takes 30 seconds using the easy tool provided:***

[Genocide Response campaign website](https://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide) <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide> [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](https://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)  
[www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk/) / [Equally Human](https://www.equallyhuman.org.uk/) [https://carenotkilling.scot/](https://www.carenotkilling.scot/)

### **JUSTICE & PEACE:**

For information about issues of social justice, and to keep up to date with current campaigns, follow Justice & Peace Scotland on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or check out the website, [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk) If you wish to be more involved in the work of justice and peace email [office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](mailto:office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). The staff will be willing to help you in any way they can. At the moment the office is closed and staff are working from home, Mon to Weds.

### **FOUR STEPS TO FREEDOM in Tanzania.**

Can you buy some lovely home and garden plants and help free Tanzania from 1,500 death from rabies each year? This local Scottish based charity helps fund vaccination of the dog populations and saving may human lives, as well as reducing animal cruelty due to fear and mistrust of dogs. Every £2.50 you spend vaccinates one dog. For more information just email Phyllis@fourstepstofreedom.org.uk search [www.fourstepstofreedom.org.uk](http://www.fourstepstofreedom.org.uk)

### **PLAYLIST FOR LIFE**

Promoting the use of personal music for those living with Dementia. This can be a lifeline and can make living with Dementia easier and happier. They are currently building a network of Playlist for Life Help Points in the Renfrewshire community. If you are interested in free resources that might benefit those living with Dementia and/or their family/carers? By signing up they will send out the pack of resources and also offer places on their free eLearning. To find out more -

<https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/apply-help-point/>

### **WEST SCOTLAND BSL : SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES IN RENFREWSHIRE**

Are you interested in learning some basic British Sign Language skills? We are running various classes in Renfrewshire and the surrounding area. If you would be interested in joining us in a fun, safe and relaxed environment, you will get the chance to work with our Deaf BSL tutor Graham and Communication support worker David who will ensure flowing communication all round. You will learn about the basics of this beautiful language while finding out much more about deaf culture. All you have to do is follow us on Facebook or Twitter. Or simply email us at [westscotlandbsl@gmail.com](mailto:westscotlandbsl@gmail.com) so we can keep you up to date on the next block of classes.