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

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 17th September 2023



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

[Available on Parish website/ YouTube](#)

HOLY HOUR
INCLUSIVE OF MASS Intercessory
Prayer for Families in St. Cadoc's on
 the following Tuesday evenings:
3rd October at 7pm;
7th November at 6.30pm;
5th December at 7pm.
 Everyone welcome!

SICK LIST As a parish community
 we pray at Mass for those who are
 sick. 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.

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 639 1073

ST. CADOC'S SSVP

"Please phone us if you need any help
 or know someone you think may need
 help and would benefit from either a
 visit or financial assistance. *All matters*
are treated in the strictest confidence.
 Alternatively, please contact Canon
 Eddie and he will give your details to
 us; or speak to us after Mass. To
 contact a member of the Society,
 please phone **07561 640489**.
 If you would like to join the St
 Cadoc's SSVP Conference please
 phone or speak to us or Canon Eddie.
We can only do this work through your
generosity, which is greatly
appreciated." Rosaleen Smith (SSVP)

HOLY MASS and **THE SACRAMENTS**

HOLY MASS
 Monday – Friday at 10am
 Saturday (Vigil) – 4pm
 Sunday – 10am and 12 noon
Live-streamed Mass: Sundays only at 10am

Holy Days of Obligation:
 6.30pm Vigil and 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
before Mass:
Monday to Friday at 9.30am.



Please pray for the victims of the war in
Ukraine. Please remember in your
prayers those who have asked for our
prayers -

For those who are sick:

Anne Coates, Eilis O'Neill,
 Helen Gilliland, Esperanza Cuisak,
 Rosemary Lorenzelli, Ian Hay,
 Joseph Jin, Kate Cafferkey,
 Blythe Winning, Theresa Lockhart,
 James Gilfeather, Olivia Chatterley,
 Paul Lizzeri, Pat Wood, Philip Hamill,
 Greg Walters, Brian Reid,
 George Walters & Kathleen Hogan.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

For those who died recently:

Shelagh McElholm, Patrick Boyle and
 John Jones

Requiescant in Pace.

For those whose anniversaries occur at **this time:**

James MacKinnon, Hugh Hastie, Joseph
 Burke, Thomas McVey, Karen Kaye,
 Mary Belton and Catherine Murray.

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



SPECIAL APPEAL On the weekend
23/24 September we welcome Sr. Ann
 Mcallister (FMSA – Moredun Convent)
 who will be making a special appeal for
 your prayers and financial support in aid of
 the work of the Franciscan Missionary
 Sisters for Africa.

DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING:

Special Collections Please consider
 completing and returning the Special
Collections Standing Order Form
 (available in the Family packs issued last
 weekend) with which you can indicate the
 Diocesan cause(s) you wish to support
 financially. THANK YOU.

Diocesan Christmas Prize Draw Tickets
 are now available to buy (and sell). **4**
Fabulous Prizes: 1st £1000; 2nd £750; 3rd
£500; and 4th £250. The draw will take
 place on Sunday 3rd December. *All ticket*
stubs to be returned by 30th November.

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.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sun 17 th	<i>Twenty Fourth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 18 th	
Tues 19 th	St. Theodore
Wed 20 th	St. Andrew Tim Targon & Companions Korean Martyrs
Thurs 21 st	St. Matthew
Fri 22 nd	
Sat 23 rd	St. Pio

Click on this page to access more news/events

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB Fridays from 2.30pm until 4.30pm in the Parish Pastoral & Social Care Centre. Time for a coffee and a chat, or whatever else you wish to do as a group. Activities and suggestions will be helpful. New members are very welcome.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY every second Friday in St. Cadoc's Church. Due to September weekend and October holidays, our next 2 Rosary dates will be **Friday 29th September** then **Friday 27th October**. We'll return to normal schedule of every 2 weeks after these 2 dates. For details, please contact Sile Hessett - 07882037314.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sundays at 10am Mass. Children in their pre-school years of nursery, up to and including children in Primary 4, are eligible to attend. As always at the start of the new session, we are 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, the Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator (Tel: 07555 094304 or by email: c.m.senior@talk21.com), for further information. Please give serious consideration to this request as we are always searching for new 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 child protection training - however, this process can be easily arranged through the Parish/Diocese.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Keep up to date with what's happening in the Parish. Minutes of the latest PPC meetings are available to read/download on Parish web.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE New members are very welcome. If you wish to find out more about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior, the Secretary on: 07555 094304 or by email: c.m.senior@talk21.com

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION - **Sunday 24th September 2023** All parishioners are welcome to join us. The afternoon will commence with a short service in the Church at 3pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral & Social Centre. Everyone is very welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! The Social Committee's first event of the new session will take the form of a St. Andrew's Night Family Ceilidh. This will take place in the Pastoral & Social Centre on **Friday 1st December 2023**. Further details to follow. We are sure this will be a very popular event, following on from our very successful St. Patrick's Night Family Ceilidh held earlier in the year.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS/COFFEES following the 10am Mass on Sundays. All volunteers should have now received the new rota. If you wish to be involved please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior, 07555 094304 or by email: c.m.senior@talk21.com

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS in aid of Mary's Meals. This service is available after 10am Mass in the Parish hall.

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 for more details. Information is also available to read/download on our web (*Faith in Action / Home* pages).

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

JUSTICE & PEACE: St. Cadoc's links with **Eastwood Ecumenical Peace & Justice Forum**. Minutes of Meeting & dates of future meetings - available on Parish web.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN We would like to establish a branch in every parish in the UK. Our monthly meetings draw men from various walks of life who come together to pray; to discuss our faith in the light of church and world events; and to socialise. *Ray Barber (President) + John Smartt (Secretary)* For more information, contact: john.smartt45@gmail.com Address for correspondence: C/o 14 Blenheim Ave., Litherland, Liverpool L21 8LW.

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. The Community Council meets every **1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm** in **Albertslund Community Hall, Westacres, Newton Mearns 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 Community Council can be contacted by email: cgmvw1@gmail.com For more information, visit East Renfrewshire website.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ & KIDS' CLUB Thursdays, 4.30pm-6pm in **Albertslund Hall, Westacres Road**. Organised by Mearns Village/Crookfur/Greenfarm Community Council, this initiative is part of *Warm Spaces* Project.

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...)

FACEBOOK (St. Cadoc's) Due to technical difficulties this facility is no longer available.

Details of the latest news/events can be accessed on the Parish website and via the Parish Bulletin.

AROUND OUR DIOCESE

LIVE-STREAM MASSES Services can be accessed via the Diocesan website: www.rcdop.org.uk

DIAL-A-MASS If you are unable to attend Mass in person and have no access to the Internet, the Diocese offers a phone Mass. Holy Mass is available to listen to from 12 noon every day. The number to call is: **0141-473 4869**.

Clergy Anniversaries R.I.P.

Fr. Donald Bonnar (1972) and Canon James Morrow (2010)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS On the **18th September**, Bishop John, and the priests of Paisley Diocese, will gather together for a time of prayer, reflection, study, and fellowship. This is part of our programme of on-going formation as priests. You are invited to come during this day to pray for Bishop John and your priests. There will be a time of silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament **on Monday 18th September from 2pm until 7pm in St. John Bosco Church**, Barwood Road, Erskine. The time will conclude at 7pm with Benediction.

LOURDES 2023 REUNION **Sunday 8th October** in **St. Ninians' Gourock**. PA19 1PW Reunion will begin with Marian Devotions in the Church at **2 pm**. This will be followed afterwards but Tea etc in the Church Hall and a chance to catch up.

FATIMA VIGILS, Howwood: We have begun our 2023 season of Vigils in honour of Our Lady of Fatima; these run from **May until October on the 12th of every month**. The facilities will be open **from 7pm**. **Rosary Procession at 7.30pm**, followed by the celebration of Mass, finishing with a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Hall open for tea/coffee thereafter. All welcome - come join us in honouring Our Blessed Lady and praying for peace!

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 "He let him go and cancelled the debt." God's forgiveness is overwhelming in its scope. Could you a gentle instrument of healing and forgiveness, ministering the sacraments to the penitent and the sorrowful as a priest? Talk to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

RETREAT DAY for Primary School Pupils We are hosting a retreat for primary school pupils (P4-7) at St Mary's in Paisley on Sunday 17th September from 2-5.30pm. The retreat will start in the church hall, and will include Holy Mass, activities and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from parishes and primary schools. For more info, contact Fr John Morrison by email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 889 5056.

DIAMOND JUBILEE On Thursday 21st September, Monsignor Charles Cavanagh celebrates his Diamond Jubilee. All who know him from his various parish assignments over the last 60 years are invited to join the parish community of St Mary's in Greenock to celebrate this occasion. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

PADRE PIO EVENTS SCOTLAND: We have organised a Triduum for the feast of Padre Pio for the forthcoming feast on **23rd September 2023**. We are delighted that Fr Hayden Williams OFM (Cap) will be visiting Scotland from Rome with the relics of the saint. He is a Maltese Capuchin who travels the world preaching the gospel. The Mass with the relics will take place in **Our Lady & St George, Penilee**, since this is a parish that the faithful of Glasgow and Paisley Dioceses can access easily.

Programme: 6pm - Holy Hour & Talk; 7pm – Holy Mass with the relics of Padre Pio; 8pm – Blessing with the relics; 8.15pm – Tea & Cake. A Padre Pio shop will also be available. More details at mail@padrepioevents.co.uk / 07845906820

SAFEGUARDING Thought for September: *We are committed to improving the culture of Safeguarding in order to rebuild trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure that children and vulnerable adults are kept safe.*

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES:

Tuesday 26 September 2023	7pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Greenock
Saturday 30 September 2023	10am	St Mary's Church Hall, Greenock
Saturday 7 October 2023	10am	St Mirin's Church Hall, Paisley
Tuesday 7 November 2023	7pm	St John's Church Hall, Barrhead

NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE This is an in-person event on **Saturday 18th November** from **9.30am** until **4pm**, in **University of Strathclyde**, Technology & Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD. Registration costs £25 (includes refreshments, lunch and resources). The conference is open to all clergy, religious, PSCs and all who have safeguarding responsibilities in Catholic parishes, religious communities and lay organisations in Scotland. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3Z93und>. Anyone who has mobility difficulties can inform the organisers during registration. Alternatively, you can contact the SCSSA Office Administrator Mary Stein by calling 0141 332 7177.

Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan 2023 has now been approved for use by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group (DSAG) and Bishop John. The plan was formed from the analysis of the latest Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency audit and is intended to drive, monitor and improve safeguarding activity across the Diocese in line with the quality & evidence indicators contained within ‘*In God’s Image*’; the churches instruction on safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland. A copy of the plan will be available on the Diocesan website.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS: *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 can be found on our Parish web.

Safeguarding News – Papal update to ‘Vos estis lux mundi’

Pope Francis permanently decreed an updated version of Vos estis lux mundi, his landmark legislation to counter abuse in the Catholic Church. The decree now extends the Church’s norms for handling of abuse to cover lay leaders of international associations of the faithful recognized by the Vatican. **Vos estis lux mundi** (“You are the light of the world”) reaffirms an obligation to report cases of “vulnerable adult” victims of abuse, including violence against religious women by clerics and cases of harassment of adult seminarians or novices by a superior. It also includes protections for people who witness acts of abuse, in addition to those who submit reports of alleged abuse, stipulating that no “obligation of silence” may be imposed on those who report, witness, or are victims of abuse. The new provisions came into force on April 30 and replace the Pope’s provisional version of Vos estis lux mundi published nearly four years ago. Further information can be provided from the following link: **Pope confirms ‘Vos estis lux mundi’ procedures against abuse - Vatican News**

OZANAM CLUB Special Works Conference of the SVP – Inviting new members to join fortnightly meetings (2nd & 4th Friday of each month) in St Mirin’s Cathedral Hall for fun and friendship. Suitable for 16 plus with disabilities.

MARRIAGE COUNSELLOR The Diocese of Paisley is looking for an experienced counsellor to assist its excellent marriage counselling team. Information/contact details at: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/marriage-counsellor-wanted>

CLERGY MOVES/APPOINTMENTS: September 2023

Fr Joe McGill, currently Curate in St Laurence’s Church, Greenock will move as Curate to St John’s Church, Barrhead, and as an Assistant Chaplain to St Ninian’s High School, Giffnock.

Fr Paul Brady released from the remits of Vicar Episcopal for Diocesan Liturgy and Permanent Diaconate. He remains as Parish Priest of St Margaret’s Parish, Johnstone.

Canon Tom Boyle appointed Vicar Episcopal for Diocesan Liturgy. He remains as Parish Priest of St Mary’s Parish, Greenock.

Fr Thomas John appointed as Assistant Chaplain to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. He remains Parish Priest of St Peter and St Paul Parishes, Paisley.

Deacon Denis Murphy appointed as Director of the Permanent Diaconate.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS The Instrumentum Laboris is the working tool for the upcoming Synod of Bishops.

The link to the latest Synod document called the *Instrumentum Laboris*, which will be discussed at the synod is <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>

Bishop Brian McGee will represent Scotland at the Synod.

SETTING OUT ON THE ROAD 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. The cost is £310 and is fully refundable if the following criteria is met. Bishop John Keenan offers monthly supports seminars. If you are interested in attending these online sessions please -

1. Please register <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/cpdforteachers/#settingoutontheroad>
2. Please pay the fee and you will be **reimbursed in full** on Completion of the course and full attendance of bishop’s support online sessions.
3. Once you have registered please contact Marianne Boland at 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
Please note that the updated telephone number for the marriage counselling service in our Diocese is now: **07706 063936**

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 Fr Ryan Black - Vicar Episcopal for Communications - ryan.blackrcdop.org.uk

Knights of St Columba: Faith, Family and Fraternity – A Call to Service: Are you interested in supporting our clergy, serving in our parishes, helping the needy and developing your personal and family faith with likeminded men, and much more, and if you are a man aged 16 or over, the Knights of St Columba could be your answer. Province 1 of the KSC is recruiting in the Diocese of Paisley. For more information on how to join Britain's largest Catholic laymen's organisation, phone John O'Donnell on **07854 886425** or email: pgk@glasgow.ksc.org.uk. Serving God by Serving Others for over 100 Years.

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

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.

DIOCESAN FACEBOOK PAGE The Communications Commission has regained access to the former diocesan Facebook Page, which will be used in the future. To access it, visit www.facebook.com/diocesepaisley. Thank you for your on-going support.

FURTHER AFIELD

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – Assisting Pastoral Care for those suffering bereavement separation, divorce or widowhood. The next meeting takes place from **29th September – 1st October at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge**. For details, email: louisep398@gmail.com or call 07926571004.

2023 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on **Sunday 17th September from 12.30pm - 6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA**.
12.30-1.50 pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3.30pm Break for refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 4.30pm Holy Mass.

Maryvale Institute, Birmingham: The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world.

The Ecclesiastical BDiv is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium.

The Licence in Divinity: Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility.

Contact: Admissions tutor, Deacon Dr Harry Schnitkerat: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk

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, is open to the public 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 for enquiries.

ON-LINE

MASSIVE THREAT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM – **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MSPs** “The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay, will soon be debated in Holyrood. This Bill will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics. It bans prayer in certain areas – a massive attack on religious freedom – and removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other option but abortion. Please contact your Members of the Scottish Parliament to make your views known. To enable people to contact all eight of their MSPs at once, we have created an easy-to-use **webtool** which can be found here: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland>. Entering your postcode brings up who your MSPs are, together with an editable email template. You can then edit the email template and submit the email to all eight of your MSPs.”

Alithea Williams, Public Policy Manager **Free 2 Pray Zoom** We will be doing this with the Catholic Parliamentary Office on **3rd October**. This is the link if the minutes go out in time: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-2-pray-tuesday-3rd-october-745pm-tickets-704627468727> More information and tools to write to MSPs available at: <https://abortionvigils.scot>

ASSISTED SUICIDE – PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MSPs

Later in 2023 Liam McArthur MSP is expected to publish a bill to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. The bill, which will allow assisted suicide for those who are terminally ill, mentally competent and who wish to die, will be debated and scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament and will eventually be voted on by MSPs in a free vote (not along party lines). We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them.

Please visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/ for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs; or email office@rcpolitics.org. Your help is urgently needed now to convince your local MSPs that this is a bad idea.

Please contact your local MSPs to inform them of the dangers of assisted suicide.

Thanking you in advance of your help on this immensely important issue.

ASSISTED SUICIDE Stop the Assisted Dying Bill. Legalising assisted suicide is dangerous because it attacks human dignity. Implicit in assisted suicide is that an individual, in certain circumstances, can lose their value and worth. Make your voice heard by contacting your MSP on your own or as part of a group with family, friends, or in your local parish. All the information you need can be found here: [Assisted Suicide – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](http://AssistedSuicide-CatholicParliamentaryOffice(rcpolitics.org))

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](http://GenocideResponsecampaignwebsite) <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide> www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion
www.standupandsmile.org.uk / [Equally Human](http://EquallyHuman) <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND: Fair Pay for Social Care Campaign Please support our campaign for fair pay for Social Care Workers A short highlight video of our day of reflection gives an overview of the campaign
<https://youtu.be/NfO4SoGBYmc>

Frances Gallagher Justice and Peace Scotland 07988442146 www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

My working days are Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs each week.

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 If you wish to be more involved in the work of justice and peace email 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.

RE-DISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE: The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023** call or text +44 788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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 \(rcdop.org.uk\)](http://DioceseofPaisley|CommunityCircleofPrayer|Paisley,UK(rcdop.org.uk))

WE ARE FAIR TRADE Following the sad closure of Traidcraft, We Are Fair Trade Ltd have stepped into the gap with our exciting, new, online, fair trade store. We are staffed by a group of former Traidcraft employees who don't want to see their pioneering work come to nothing. We are operating entirely separately from the Traidcraft Foundation and Transform Trade but, we share the vision and passion that drove Traidcraft's original founders. Our vision is to support growers and producers, in the Global South as well as those who provide the supply chain that makes their goods available in the UK. We believe the best way to help them is to provide the biggest, friendliest and most efficient shop window for Fair Trade goods that we possibly can. Trade justice is a huge mission and we are excited to be playing our part in such a noble cause. Of course, it is far too big a task to accomplish on our own, which is why we are hoping you will join with us. Every fairly traded product you buy helps pay for the next crop or the next production run. Every time you talk about Fair Trade, there is a chance that someone new will join the quest to make trade fairer for everyone. If enough of us take these simple steps, we could make a tangible difference to the well-being and future prospects of thousands of growers, producers and artisans in the Global South. If you would like to stay up to date with what we are doing, you can visit our brand-new website at: www.wearefairtrade.com We already have a lot of stock and we are adding more lines all the time. You will also find more information about who we are and what we are doing there.

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

CELEBRATE@Home Online Family Activity Packs *CELEBRATE Trust* has produced a variety of activity packs based on the liturgical seasons of the Church as well as some key areas of focus for families. You will find a huge range of ideas and links to help you, your children and your teenagers. These can also assist with ideas for children's liturgy, youth groups, schools and parishes within the Catholic Church and beyond. Link: www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks Access also available on Parish web (*Faith formation* page).

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

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 so we can keep you up to date on the next block of classes.

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 website.

U of G RESEARCH The University of Glasgow are looking for active or retired catholic teachers who qualified after 1965 to participate in their research. This involves a 60 min - 90 min online or in person interview. For more information, please contact Natalie Finnigan at: 9906213f@student.gla.ac.uk