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ST. CADOC'S R.C. CHURCH
WEEKLY BULLETIN
Solemnity of
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
 Year A **26th November 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
Tuesday 5th December at 7pm.
 Everyone welcome!

PRAYING FOR PEACE
 We continue to pray for all victims
 of violence in the Holy Land,
 Ukraine and throughout
 our troubled world.

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

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.

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, Jim Leishman,
 Greg Walters, George Walters,
 Catherine Ayre, Kathleen O'Doherty &
 Paige Anderson.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

For those who died recently:

Jean McGinness, Craig Davidson
 Danny McKendry, Joe O'Donoghue,
 Margaret Bisset, Margaret Forsyth,
 John McElholm & Craig Davidson.
Requiescant in Pace.

For those whose anniversaries occur at
this time:

David Phin, Marian Phin, Agnes Savage,
 Alexander Niezyski, Margaret Carroll,
 Robert Cuthbertson, Patricia Martin,
 Hannah O'Connell & Brian Hessett.
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



DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING Please
 consider completing and returning the
Special Collections Standing Order Form
 with which you can indicate the Diocesan
 cause(s) you wish to support financially.

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.

RITE OF ENROLMENT FOR THE
SACRAMENTS:

St. Clare's Primary-
Sunday 3rd December
10am for P4 (Reconciliation &
 Communion);
12 Noon for P7 (Confirmation)
St. Cadoc's Primary – Sunday
10th December
10am for P4 (Reconciliation &
 Communion) **12 Noon for P7**
 (Confirmation)

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sun 26 th	Solemnity of Christ The King
Mon 27 th	St. Catherine Labouré
Tues 28 th	
Wed 29 th	
Thurs 30 th	St. Andrew
Fri 1 st Nov	First Friday
Sat 2 nd	

Click on this page to access more news/events

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GOODS
 now available for sale in the hall after
 Mass.

Deanery Eco Committee To launch the new committee, we invite you to the screening of the film, 'The Letter', in the Parish Pastoral and Social Centre on **Tuesday 12th December** at 7pm. The film focuses on Pope Francis' encyclical, '*Laudato Si'*', on the subject of climate change. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet in the porch **TODAY!**

Catholic Education Fortnight: 16th - 30th November Education Sunday Mass at 10am in St. Cadoc's on 26th November (*Solemnity of Christ the King*). Pupils of our schools are asked to attend wearing their school uniforms. The liturgy will be led by pupils from each school and presentations will be given by members of staff.

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DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING: Special Collections Please consider completing and returning the Special Collections Standing Order Form (available from Canon Eddie/Diocese) 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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY every second Friday in St. Cadoc's Church at 6pm.. Next date: **8th December**. 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. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this special Ministry, 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.

Children's Liturgy & Glasgow the Caring City Charity: Annually, during the season of Advent, 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 10th 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 (email: c.m.senior@talk21.com or 07555-094304) for further information. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Children's Liturgy Nativity Play The children will be performing a short nativity play during the 10am Mass on **Sunday 17th December 2023**. All welcome! Following the Mass, everyone is invited into the Pastoral & Social Centre for some festive fun and refreshments!!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE in St Cadoc's Primary School on **Friday 1st December**, 3.15-6pm. The Fayre will include: children's games, Santa, face painting, tombola, raffle, arts and crafts, merchant stalls, home baking, tea and coffee.

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 – in the Parish hall after 10am Mass each Tuesday.

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.

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.

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

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT FAMILYCEILIDH This takes place in the Pastoral & Social Centre on **Friday 1st December 2023**. Tickets are now on sale at all Masses this weekend, priced at £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child (over 3 years). It will be a BYOB event and will commence at 7.30pm. Please ensure you get your tickets as soon as possible! Donations for the raffle will be gratefully received too. Please contact Catherine Senior (07555 094304 or by email: c.m.senior@talk21.com) for further information. Look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.

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**.

ADVENT DAY for Primary School Children: The Diocese of Paisley will hold an Advent reflection day for pupils in P4,5, 6 +7 on **Sunday 26th November** in St. Mary's, Paisley 2-5pm. Places must be pre-booked. Places can be booked by emailing Fr. John Morrison on vocations@rcdop.org.uk or phoning 01418895056. The event will include the celebration of Mass. Children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish or school, or by e-mailing vocations@rcdop.org.uk. Due to safeguarding regulations, participating children must be collected from St. Mary's by a parent/carer/guardian.

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS The next Mass is on **Wednesday 29th November** at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration at St Mary's Church, Paisley. All are welcome. *Please note that there is no Divine Mercy Devotions in December 2023. The next monthly Mass will be Wednesday 31st January 2024.*

"To every thing there is a season" Quoth 3:1 A series of three talks for the Season of Advent will be given by Fr Maurice Callaghan in St Joseph's Church. Bow Rd., Greenock **at 7pm on each of the three Tuesdays (5th, 12th & 19th) of December**. The talks will each be 30-40 minutes duration with opportunity for questions followed by tea and biscuits.

Talk 1: "To everything there is a season a time for every purpose under the heaven" Qo 3:1

Adventus: The coming of the King

Talk 2: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart" Qo 3:11.

How to wait. Time and Eternity.

Talk 3: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly Tis the Season to be *almost* jolly" Thomas Oliphant

Advent 2. The Christmas *season* is coming.

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 for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass is on **Friday 1st December at 7pm** in St. John's Barrhead.

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 “I am going to look after my flock.” People need shepherds after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd to care for them and serve their deepest needs. Could that be you? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: [014188950656](tel:014188950656) or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

YOUNG ADULTS: Christ in the Covenants Our series of talks, Christ in the Covenants, will explore salvation history through the lens of God's covenantal relationships with mankind. The next Talk is on **Wednesday 6th December**. Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to a series of talks that will engage and inform them about salvation history. Coming along will also help them to meet other young Catholics from in and around the Diocese of Paisley. Talks begin at 7pm in the Diocesan Office and will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. For more information, contact [Fr Ryan Black](#) or [Fr Joe McGill](#).

SAFEGUARDING Thought for the Month: *We prioritise our Safeguarding commitments in the care and compassion we show and in the protection and healing we offer, to those who have survived abuse.*

IN GOD'S IMAGE v2: *Instruction on safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland. To read/download, please visit www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2*

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 church's 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](#)

ECUMENICAL SERVICE regarding Violence Against Women and Girls: You are invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service regarding Violence Against Women and Girls on **Sunday 26th November** at 2.00pm in St Mary's RC Church, 14 Patrick Street, Greenock PA16 8NA. This is part of the annual Sixteen Days of Activism to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. The Service will be led by Bishop John Keenan along with leaders from other Christian communities. Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall

INTERFAITH SCOTLAND Magazine available to read/download at [Diocese of Paisley | Autumn Magazine: Interfaith Scotland | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](#) Also available on our Parish web.

THE CHOSEN -Viewing of Series One: Mondays 1.30pm to 3pm on **November 27th**. Saint Bernadette's Church, Park Drive, Erskine. It's free and refreshments provided. Everyone is most welcome.

PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT The Alliance of Pro-Life Students (APS) is **currently recruiting directors**. APS is at the heart of the pro-life movement, supporting students in universities across the UK to build and sustain pro-life groups. Alongside our part-time employee we need directors to steer the vision and mission of APS. Time commitments: monthly online meetings for one hour; and thrice annual weekend meetings. For more details contact us at hello@prolifestudents.org.uk

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.

JOB VACANCY Fertility Care Scotland Limited (registered charity SC051574) seeks part-time Bookkeeper, approx 4 hours p/w. Flexible work-from-home options available. Previous experience required, knowledge of Sage and online accounting programmes preferred. Email Ashlee at info@fertilitycare.org.uk or visit fertilitycare.org.uk for more details.

ATQRE -Additional Teaching Qualification in RE for Catholic Schools: This consists of two 40-credit (Level 10) courses that are recognised by the GTCS and which can be used to apply for Professional Recognition in the subject. The courses are taught by staff of the St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education at the University of Glasgow. The ATQRE programme is for qualified teachers who wish to become specialist RE teachers in secondary schools. The Diocese of Paisley supports ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for any applicant who lives in the Diocese and who attends Bishop Keenan's monthly support sessions. This is payable on completion of the course. For more info, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/additional-teaching-qualification-in-re-for-catholic-schools>.

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>
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**
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>

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.black@rcdop.org.uk

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.

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.

FURTHER AFIELD

MIDDLE EAST PEACE The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has issued a statement on the hostilities in the Middle East (October 2023):

"We have been shocked and horrified by the outbreak of senseless violence in the Holy Land. Our hearts go out to the innocent people of Israel who have been murdered and terrorised and to the innocent civilians of Gaza dying in a war zone. We join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and echo his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. We pray for peace and call on the faithful, and all people of good will to do the same. We hope the violence will cease, that civilians and non-combatants will be respected and that all hostages will be released."

SCIAF Israel-Palestine Emergency Appeal: Ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, particularly the Occupied Palestinian Territories, is causing unimaginable fear and suffering. Through the global Caritas network, SCIAF is working with local organisations to act as soon as possible. Your donation will provide emergency support to those most in need. Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world and its residents have no way to leave Gaza, and are running out of food, water, and safe shelter. Please donate to our funds for essential support to the families in urgent need by following the link: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/579-israeli-palestinian-emergency-appeal>

COP28 Archbishop Nolan has called for world leaders to take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change especially affecting the smallest and most vulnerable countries.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/cop28-call-to-action>

Mary's Meals Christmas Market The charity Mary's Meals invites you to its Christmas Market on **Sunday 26th November** (12pm-7.30pm) at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, to help raise funds for its work providing school meals to children in poverty. Browse our selection of stalls from volunteers and small businesses and join our workshops, including sessions with our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Scotland's National Chef Gary Maclean and wreath making with Rook Botanics. Find out more and book tickets at <https://marysmealschristmasmarket.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0800 698 1212

Christmas Sparkle Day The team at Pauline Books and Media on St Enoch's Square in Glasgow invites you to call in and enjoy the festive atmosphere on **Tuesday 5th December** with complimentary tea and coffee. Children's carol singing 11am -12.30pm.

St ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE

OPEN MORNING Junior/Senior/ Kindergarten –**Friday 8th December** 10.30-12Noon.

For more details or to register your place, please scan the QR code or visit: www.staloysius.org



Kindergarten & Junior School Open Day
11th January 2024

Kindergarten Come & Play Sessions
Tuesday 16th January 2024: 2pm-3pm;
Thursday 18th January 2024: 9.30am – 10.30am

Entrance Assessment P4-S2 **Saturday 20th January 2024:** 9am – 12 Noon

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY Completed at the end of October, please find the Synthesis Document here: [Documents \(synod.va\)](https://www.synod.va)
Any comments, please send to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk.

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics Part-time Senior Researcher in Biomedical Ethics needed. Details from Dr. Calum MacKellar, Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, 15 North Bank Street, Edinburgh EH1 2LS. Tel: 0131 261 8874 or 0131 463 6464. Email: mail@schb.org.uk

HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE *Grief to Grace* is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those who are the victims of rape, incest or abuse by a member of the clergy. **Our next retreat is on Monday, 15th to Saturday, 20th April 2024 in Perth.** If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact the Grief to Grace (Scotland) office administrator on margaret.clarke@griegtogracescotland.org

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/>

Christian Leadership Formation: The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed. More information and applications via our new website www.christianleadershipformation.com, and please encourage your parishioners and contacts to follow us on Instagram (@christianleadershipformation) for all the latest updates.

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.” *Alitheia Williams, Public Policy Manager*

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/>



Museum of Scottish Catholic History Survey: The Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust (SCHCT) is working with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) to create a new museum of Scottish Catholic History. To do this the SCHCT is reviewing and updating its vision along with developing plans for a new museum. We would love your help by spending a few minutes answering a short survey. The survey can be found **till the end of the year** at: <https://forms.office.com/e/6D7EuB8EvU>.

A QR code has been provided for your convenience.

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.

A WOMAN OF COURAGE Through Advent with Mary Online reflection series for Advent 2023, cost £25 (£30 with printed booklet). This series of weekly Advent reflections offers a new audio reflection to listen to each week along with a selection of other reflective material to read and ponder day by day. For more information and to book, visit: <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/a-woman-of-courage/> or contact info@heartinpilgrimage.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))

NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMPETITIONS 2023-24 The Knights of St. Columba have organised National competitions for young people. **Reminder: Christmas photography & Nativity Scene Paintings due by 22nd December.**

All details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/KSCYoungPeopleCompetition2023>

Details also available to read/download on our Parish website (*Faith in Action* page).

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.

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