

Parish Priest: **Canon Edward D. Cameron**
 Address: 24 Fruin Avenue, Newton Mearns G77 6HA
 Phone: **0141 639 1073**
 Email: stcadoc@rcdop.org.uk
 Web: www.stcadocsrparish.org.uk
 Scottish Charity Number: SCO 013514



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

THE EPIPHANY
Year B 7th January 2024



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

[Available on Parish website/ YouTube](#)

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Wishing you and your families
all the blessings of this Holy Season.

Canon Eddie

Monday 8th January
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

"MUM'S THE WORD"

HOLY HOURS

Tuesdays at 7pm

9th January; 13th February;
12th March; 7th May; and 11th June.

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

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, Ian Hay,
 Kate Cafferkey, Blythe Winning,
 Theresa Lockhart, James Gilfeather,
 Paul Lizzeri, Pat Wood, Greg Walters,
 Catherine Ayre, Kathleen O'Doherty,
 Paige Anderson & Mary Madden.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

For those who died recently:

Jan Dlask, John Casey, Alistair Mackie
 & Ina Gerthins.

Requiescant in Pace.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Robert Brown, Fr. James Doherty,
 May Connelly, Hugh & Mary Hasti

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.

FEASTS of the WEEK

Sun 7th	THE EPIPHANY
Mon 8th	The Baptism of The Lord
Tues 9th	
Wed 10th	St. William
Thurs 11th	
Fri 12th	St. Aelred
Sat 13th	St. Kentigern

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND – 7th January 2024—SPECIAL COLLECTION “This collection helps fund our Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, our Marriage Tribunal and our Catholic Parliamentary Office. Our Justice & Peace Commission campaigns for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with parishes and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights. Its office supported by two employees. Our national Marriage Tribunal processes cases for annulment and is supported by two staff. Our Parliamentary Office works with MSPs, MPs and the wider political society to promote the influence of Catholic Social Teaching on our law and is supported by two staff. The 2022 this collection raised £9,904 (2021: £4,905) along with investment interest of £2,875 (2021: £3,362) (total income £12,779 (2021: £8,267)). In 2022 our expenditure was £18,755 (2021: £11,307) for the J&P Pro-rata £8,138 and Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency £10,617 and the Trustees also transferred £7,280 (2021: £7,280) from the Justice and Peace Fund reserves to cover Bishops’ Conference costs relating to other Justice & Peace issues.”
Philip McEachen, Finance Manager, Diocese of Paisley.

SICK & RETIRED CLERGY—SPECIAL COLLECTION - 20/21 January.

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 SSVF “Our recent activities include providing financial support to three twinned parishes in India and South Africa. We have also made significant financial contributions to St Vincent’s Hospice, Jericho House, which is an SSVF project giving help to those experiencing addiction issues, SSVF Furniture Project, and SSVF Homeless Kitchen(Our Lady of the Wayside). We have also helped local families experiencing difficulty due to the cost-of-living crisis. We visit local nursing homes, and also parishioners in their own homes. In December we provided a Christmas Lunch for our parishioners. None of these activities would be possible without your continued generosity. At this time of year we wanted to convey our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated to St Cadoc’s SSVF. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of all your help. With sincere thanks, SSVF Team. If you would you like to join our SSVF, please speak with Canon Eddie or a member after Mass; or phone 07561 640489.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY every second Friday in St. Cadoc’s Church at 6pm. Next meeting: **19th January**. 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:

*I have received a letter of thanks from the Chief Executive. The charity were **absolutely overwhelmed** with the donations from our Parish! The letter and pictures I have received from the charity, showing the volunteers sorting out the donations from our Parish, are available to read/download on our Parish website. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information. Many thanks for your generosity & support.* Catherine Senior (email: c.m.senior@talk21.com or 07555-094304).

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

MARY’S MEALS COFFEE GROUP “We should like to convey our thanks for the support and generosity of the Parishioners who attend our weekly Tuesday coffee mornings. Since January 2023 until December 2023, you donated £4447.00 to this wonderful charity. We are very appreciative of all your help and support. With grateful thanks, Mary’s Meals Team.”
Coffee resumes on Tuesday **16th January**.

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 December PPC meeting and the Social Committee Report 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

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**.

Clergy Anniversaries

1st January: Canon John T. Earley 1987
5th January: Fr. Thomas S. Ryan 1997
6th January: Canon James Murphy 2002
8th January: Fr. Denis McKillop 1983
10th January: Fr. Hugh Heslin
12th January: Mons. Francis Provost Magauran 1975
12th January: Fr. Joseph Logue 2014
13th January: Most Rev. Philip Tartaglia, 4th Bp. of Paisley 2021
15th January: Canon Benedict O'Keeffe 2022
16th January: Fr. Kevin Whitty 1955
19th January: Fr. Simon Keane 1951
22nd January: Canon James Lillis 1979
28th January: Canon John D. Daniel 1972

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET: On the Feast of the Holy Innocents (28th Dec 2023), SPUC and the Knights of St Columba launched a year-long Spiritual Bouquet called "Let Life Flourish." During this year of prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025, you are encouraged to pray that the dignity of human life—from conception until natural death—be upheld and defended. During 2024, there will be monthly special intentions. A website will be launched in mid-January, where you can notify the organisers of prayer activities you have organised or been involved in. At the end of the year, bound books detailing these activities will be presented to the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences of Scotland, and of England and Wales, and to the Papal Nuncio. Examples of prayer activities include Holy Masses, Rosaries, Holy Hours...

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS *The next monthly Mass will be Wednesday 31st January 2024.*

THINK VOCATION God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1—6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison – tel [01418895056](tel:01418895056) or email vocations@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 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!

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>

YOUNG ADULTS The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr Paul Denney, who will explore God's covenant with Moses. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7pm in the diocesan office on **Wednesday 10th January**. It will end with adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr Ryan (ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2024 For details and to register visit: [Diocese of Paisley | Marriage Preparation Registration Form | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](#)

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – 2024 The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has reorganised safeguarding induction training into one course only, combining the previous Parts 1 & 2.

If you are a new volunteer or one who completed the Part 1 training course more than a year ago, you are invited to sign up for a Safeguarding training session taking place on:

Tuesday 16th January at 7pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley

Saturday 17th February at 10.30am in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock

Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in St. John's Parish Hall, Barrhead

Saturday 20th April at 10.30am in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley

Wednesday 1st May at 7pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock

Saturday 8th June at 10.30am in St. John's Parish Hall, Barrhead.

Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or telephone 0141 847 6138 to book a place.

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 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](#)

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.

PRO-LIFE STUDENTS 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.

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>.

The National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life are delighted to now have launched their first edition of the **Catholic Families for Life** Newsletter. You can view and download the latest version at [Newsletter | Marriage and Family Life \(marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk\)](https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk). The newsletter will be produced 4 times a year.

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>

GRIEF TO GRACE is hosting a confidential healing retreat in **April 2024**. For more info, and to book, email margaret.clarke@griegtogracescot.org.

St ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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@griegtogracescot.org

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, 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

CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE You can now download the first issue of a newsletter from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Commission for Marriage, Family & Life. Download your copy at: <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter>

THREAT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, 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 choice than abortion. To contact your MSP, and for more info, [visit https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland](https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland)

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. To contact your MSP, and for more info, visit <https://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/>

PRAYER TO BE CRIMINALISED IN SCOTLAND A new bill proposes criminalising prayer in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please visit rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced. Please respond to the government consultation which **ends on 20th December**. For more information follow the link to the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office: [Buffer Zones – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](https://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 https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide](https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide)
[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](https://righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion) [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](https://standupandsmile.org.uk) / [Equally Human](https://equallyhuman.org.uk) <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.

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 \(rcdop.org.uk\)](https://dioceseofpaisley.org.uk/community-circle-of-prayer)

NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMPETITIONS 2023-24 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 (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 many 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

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.