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

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Year B 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



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

[Available on Parish website/ YouTube](#)

### PRAYING FOR PEACE

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

### "MUM'S THE WORD"



### HOLY HOURS

in St. Cadoc's - Tuesdays at 7pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> March; 7<sup>th</sup> May; 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**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.

[Click 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 9am**  
**during Lent.**



*We pray for all victims of violence in  
 the Holy Land, Ukraine and  
 throughout our troubled world.  
 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,  
 Camille McPhail, Brian Mann &  
 Tony Creighton.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.*

#### **For those who died recently:**

Matthew Hepburn, Angela Kennedy,  
 Eamonn McSweeney &  
 James McShane.

*Requiescant in Pace.*

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

Jim Broadley, Patrick Duffy,  
 Anne Duffy, Bill & Kate Gibson,  
 Anne McGrory & Tony McCreadie.

*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.



**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** (SPUC)  
 24/25 February.

**SCIAF PRESENTATION** – 2/3 March  
**SCIAF & PAPAL & EPISCOPAL  
 CHARITIES COLLECTION** 18/19  
 March

**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 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Lent
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Peter Damian
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chair of St. Peter
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Polycarp
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	

**P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY:** This Diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday **18<sup>th</sup> February**, from 2-5.30pm, in St Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the church hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from your parish or primary school, or by contacting Fr John Morrison at [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or on 0141 889 5056. Forms available on Diocesan web.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT		
Monday - Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  <i>Theme: Peace</i>	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers at 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rosary 9am. Reflection on The Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

**ST CADOC'S LENTEN PROGRAMME** See details of all services below (pages 10-12) and on Parish web.

**ST. CADOC'S PARISH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & APPEAL : January 2023 - January 2024**

**January 2023 - December 2023:**

Justice & Peace £877 St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society £258 Sick & Retired Clergy £1401 SPRED £593 SCIAF/SYRIA £330 SPUC £1215 SCIAF £3003 Holy Places £1292 Vocations £3018 Communications £523 Peter's Pence £409 Apostleship of the Sea £1135 Pro-Life £576 Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa £2217 Mission Sunday £2044 Education £1006 Mary's Meals £4447 SSVP £10,292 St. Anthony £650.

**January 2024:**

Justice & Peace £1059 Sick & Retired Priests' Fund £1371 St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society £533.  
**TOTAL OFFERINGS: £38,249 - WELL DONE! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Canon Eddie**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** The children of Primary 4 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm in the church on the following dates: **St. Clare's: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February; St. Cadoc's Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** A sincere thank you to all Parents/Carers, School Staff and Parishioners who support our young people in their preparations for this important sacrament of God's love. Please remember to keep our young parishioners in your prayers. Canon Eddie

**R.C.I.A.** Rite of Enrolment: **First Sunday of Lent – 18<sup>th</sup> February** – St Mirin's Cathedral;  
Rites of Scrutiny (**3rd/4th/5th Sundays of Lent – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 12 noon.);  
Preparatory Rite for Reception of the Sacraments & Rehearsal: **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.30am;  
**Reception of Candidates:** Easter Vigil – **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at 8.30pm. Reception afterwards.

**ST. CADOC'S SSVP** We provide Spiritual, Physical and Financial Support to those in need. We visit our Parishioners at Home and/or in a Care Home. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the SSVP, please get in touch. **Mobile: 07561640489 (All information is Confidential)**. If you would like to join the SSVP, please speak with Canon Eddie / contact us on the above number / speak with a Member after Mass.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY** every second Friday in St. Cadoc's Church at 6pm. Next meeting: **1<sup>st</sup> March**. For details, please contact Síle 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)

**MARY'S MEALS COFFEE GROUP** Weekly Tuesday coffee mornings after 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**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 SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - **Dates for your Diary!** Following their recent meeting, the Social Committee have planned the following events for the first half of this year:

**St. Patrick's Night Family Ceilidh - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024** from 7.30pm: Tickets for this event will be on sale at all Masses next weekend. Tickets are priced at: £7.00 per adult and £3.00 per child (over 3 years). Please make sure you bring cash with you next weekend to purchase your tickets! It is anticipated that this event will be very popular, so please get your tickets as soon as possible! If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact: Catherine Senior (Mobile: 07555 094304 or by email: [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)).

**Race Night (for adults only) - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Family Fun Day & Barbecue - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.**

We anticipate these events will be very popular. Please therefore, note the above dates in your diary now! Tickets will be on sale, and further information will be advised, nearer the time of each event. In the meantime, if you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior (Mobile: 07555 094304 or by email: [c.m.senior@talk21.com](mailto:c.m.senior@talk21.com)). **New members are very welcome.** If you wish to find out more about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Keep up to date with what's happening in the Parish. Minutes of the latest (January 2024) PPC meeting and the Social Committee Report are available to read/download on Parish web.

### **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.**

**NEWTON MEARNS WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL** holds monthly meetings - on the 2nd week of the Month on a Tuesday. All the local residents are welcome to attend to the Community Council meetings at Albertslund Hall.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ & KIDS' CLUB** Please note: this service is no longer available.

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

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

**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](mailto: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](http://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**

4<sup>th</sup> February: Canon Henry Mooney 1997

7<sup>th</sup> February: Canon Thomas Jamieson 2003

14<sup>th</sup> February: Fr. Patrick B. Molony 1978

21<sup>st</sup> February: Fr. Kevin Barry 1979

21<sup>st</sup> February: Canon John Doherty 2010

24<sup>th</sup> February: Fr. James M. Quinn 1985

**LENTEN CALENDAR**, which encourage us to pray for our Priests and all those ministering in our Diocese, is available on the Diocesan website: <https://rcdop.org.uk/> or by emailing Father John Morrison [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**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...

**DIVINE MERCY MASS** The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass followed by Adoration in St. Mary’s Church, Paisley. All are welcome. These devotions are held on the last **Wednesday of every month**.

**THINK VOCATION** “Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.” (2nd reading) The priestly life is one where everything is given over to God’s glory. Could you give that gift? Contact our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: [01418895056](tel:01418895056) or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto: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! The next Mass will be offered in St. Charles’ Paisley, on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 7pm; Adoration & Confession from 6 pm.

**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>

**CHANGES TO ABORTION LAW** A cross-party group of MPs will table an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to reduce the abortion time limit from 24 to 22 weeks. It is likely to be voted on at Report Stage in around two weeks. Please take away a *Right to Life UK* postcard, fill it in and send it to your MP to vote for this reduction. Even though the bill will directly affect only England and Wales, it is open to your MP to speak and vote on it and may have particular influence in Scotland in due course.

**SYNOD 2023 – 2024** The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the Diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments on these documents to [Synod23@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Synod23@rcdop.org.uk) or Synod. Response c/o Diocesan Offices **by 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**. All responses will contribute towards the official Diocesan response.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR** We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6.30- 8pm in the Diocesan offices. Although being able to read music would be beneficial, it is not an absolute requirement to join our choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Hepburn, our Diocesan Director of Music, at [director.music@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:director.music@rcdop.org.uk)

**YOUNG ADULTS** (18-35) The ‘Christ in the Covenants’ series. Each talk begins at 7pm in the Diocesan Office. 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](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe McGill ([joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)) for more information and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

**YOUNG ADULTS’ PILGRIMAGE** We hope to arrange a pilgrimage to Poland from 5-12 August 2024 for those aged 18-35 years old. We will stay in Krakow with visits to the St John Paul II Centre, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Salt Mine Museum, Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum and the Częstochowa Sanctuary. Flights from/to Edinburgh. Estimated cost: £600-800pp. To book, please attend a meeting on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 4pm in the Diocesan Offices. For more info, contact Fr Ryan Black ([ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe McGill ([joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)).

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** This programme of seminars is aimed at non-experts and beginners. Each seminar has a particular theological focus; lasts for one hour; and is taught by an expert in the field at the University of Glasgow. Find out more / register at: <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/theology-thursdays>.

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

**SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** *The Catholic Church in Scotland will make every effort to protect people of all ages from all forms of abuse.*



**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 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](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or telephone [0141 847 6138](tel:01418476138) to book a place.

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

**CLASSROOMS FOR MALAWI** is holding a fundraising Ball at the Redhurst Hotel at 7.00 pm on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. The ticket cost is £55, it includes a sparkling wine reception, 3 course dinner and a live band. They can be purchased by contacting [ball@classroomsformalawi.org](mailto:ball@classroomsformalawi.org). A great night of entertainment is guaranteed and funds will be used to help lift children in Malawi out of poverty through education. We are based in St Columbkille's Parish Hall in Rutherglen. <https://classroomsformalawi.co.uk>

**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 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](mailto: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 \(marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk\)](#). The newsletter will be produced 4 times a year.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES** – Diocese of Paisley: We invite all couples due to be Married in 2024 to register for one of our three courses this year. Each course will consist of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. The cost for the course per couple is £50 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. You can follow the link to access further information <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation> or use the QR code to see the course dates and go straight to our booking page. We look forward to seeing you!

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

**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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 scam emails 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>

**MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS** at 7.30pm on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month** in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. Next Mass: **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Celebrant - Fr Paul McAlinden.

**MASS FOR ST. PATRICK** 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11am – St Andrew’s Cathedral, Clyde Street.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Pastoral care of those suffering the bereavement of separation, divorce or widowhood.  
5-7<sup>th</sup> April in St Mary’s Kinnoull, Perth. For details contact Louise on 07926571004 or email: [louisep398@gmail.com](mailto:louisep398@gmail.com)  
**Completed applications must be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**RETREAT** Several ecumenical retreats at St Hilda’s Priory (Whitby) will be offered this year. For more information, contact Sr Helen Stout by emailing [hospitality@ohpwhitby.org.uk](mailto:hospitality@ohpwhitby.org.uk) or calling 01947 899600.

**ACROSS PILGRIMAGE** – **Help Required:** Across require helpers and medics for **April 25--May 4 2024** pilgrimage to Lourdes, from Scotland. More info from the Across Office - 020 3542 1800 or [pilgrimages@across.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimages@across.org.uk)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 until Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024. What are you going to do for Lent? Please consider joining our 40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil outside of the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Govan Glasgow. Our Vigil takes place from 8am until 8pm each day. According to WORLDOMETER / ABORTION 44.6 MILLION babies were aborted globally in 2023. For more information, email [Ogilvie1615@outlook.com](mailto:Ogilvie1615@outlook.com)

**CORNERSTONE– Lenten Talks** Cornerstone is a Catholic Young Adult Group for 18-40 years olds based in St Helen's Church Langside in Glasgow; we welcome other young adults to join us from across Scotland. We have organised a series of talks for Lent on the topics of Almsgiving, Fasting and Prayer . The evenings consist of night prayer in the church at 7.30 then a talk in the church hall with refreshments starting at 8pm. Dates:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** Mairi-Claire McCready Representative of RCAG Youth. speaks about Fasting

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** Rt Rev John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley & Vice President of the Bishop’s Conference speaks about prayer.

**LENT REFLECTION SERIES** **The Craftsman:** “For we are God’s workmanship...” Ephesians 2:10  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**, £30, £35 with booklet.

This series of online Lent Reflections is an invitation to get to know God as craftsman, the loving, attentive maker of us and of the world. To know ourselves as unique and precious. To meet Jesus, the master-carpenter of Nazareth. And to reflect on the insights of craftsmanship into how we live and work.

A new audio reflection is shared for each week in Lent, along with a selection of related material to read and ponder, designed to use flexibly in your own time. Book now at <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/the-craftsman-reflections-for-lent-2024/> or contact [info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk).

**Crafted in Love: A Quiet Day for Lent** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, 10.30am-4pm, Church Centre, Christ Church, 6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh Cost £35 (£20 concession) includes lunch.

“Go down to the potter’s house,” the prophet Jeremiah was told, “and there I will give you my lesson.” As we consider God as craftsman, what do we learn about God, and about ourselves? This Quiet Day is an invitation to take time to pause on our journey through Lent and through the year and contemplate the loving craftsmanship of the God through words, images, music and silence.

This Day is designed to stand alone, or to be complementary to the series of Lent Reflections, The Craftsman. A buffet lunch is provided, as is coffee and cake. Please book by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March if possible. Register

here: <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/crafted-in-love-a-quiet-day-for-lent-2024/> or email [info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk)

**HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE** **Grief To Grace** is hosting a confidential healing retreat on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in Perth April 2024.**

**Grief To Grace** is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical or emotional abuse; or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by areligious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact:

Grief to Grace (Scotland) at [margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org](mailto:margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.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](http://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](mailto:manager@theodorehouse.com) for enquiries.

## ON-LINE

**CHRISTIAN IN SCOTLAND TODAY Survey** Logos Scotland has launched an online national survey on the experience of being a Christian in Scotland today and your experience of Christian faith in public life. It takes a few minutes to complete. Your answers will be confidential. To take the survey, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/christian-in-scotland-today-survey>

**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>

**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/>

**Conversion Therapy Practices:** The UK Government committed in its [2018 LGBT Action Plan](#) to end the practice of conversion therapy. The Scottish Government plans for taking forward legislation to end conversion practices in Scotland. The consultation containing the Scottish Government proposals is now live. This is your opportunity to have your voices heard on the issues. You can read and respond to the consultation on [Citizen Space](#). You can also view a [full PDF version of the consultation](#), a [summary version](#) and an [easy read version](#). Translations of the summary will also be available shortly.

**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>  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion) [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) / [Equally Human](#) <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](http://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](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk) If you wish to be more involved in the work of justice and peace email [office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](mailto:office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). The staff will be willing to help you in any way they can. At the moment the office is closed and staff are working from home, Mon to Weds.

### **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 \(rcdop.org.uk\)](#)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:westscotlandbsl@gmail.com) so we can keep you up to date on the next block of classes.



**Season of Lent & Holy Week**  
**Masses & Services 2024**  
**in St. Cadoc's**

***SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY***

Vigil Mass 6.30pm.	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Blessing & Distribution of Ashes
10am. Mass	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Participation of 2 Year Groups from St Cadoc's PS – Live streamed.
11.15. Mass	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	St Clare's PS

***PROVISION IS ARRANGED FOR ALL PUPILS OF THE PRIMARY  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.***

***THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY***

The National Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse will take place in St Cadoc's at  
9.30am, followed by Mass at 10am.

***FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY***

Rosary at 9.15am  
Way of the Cross at 9.30am, followed by Mass at 10am.

***FIRST WEEK OF LENT***

Monday - Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February  <b><i>Theme: Peace</i></b>	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers at 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reflection on the Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT		
Monday - Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Theme: Repentance</i>	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	First Confession St Clare's PS
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Rosary at 9am. Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT		
Monday - Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Theme: Charity &amp; Love</i>	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers at 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	First Confession 7pm. St Cadoc's PS
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary at 9am. Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT		
Monday - Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Theme: Novena to St Joseph</i>	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Hour <b>'Mum's the Word'.</b> Prayers for Families at 7.00pm.
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary at 9am. Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT		
Monday & Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary 9am. Novena to St Joseph at 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Wednesday & Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March <i>Theme: Passion, Death &amp; Resurrection</i>	Rosary at 9am. Adoration & Prayers at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rosary at 9am. Way of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am.
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reconciliation 10.30am -11.30am.

<b>HOLY WEEK</b>		
Monday - Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary 9am. Adoration & Prayers at 9.30am. Mass 10am.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Chrism Mass</b> St Mirin's at 7pm.
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary 9am. Morning Prayer & Office of Readings 10.00am.
HOLY THURSDAY	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. Night Prayers at 9pm.
GOOD FRIDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary 9am. Morning Prayer & Office of Readings 10.00am. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm. Way of the Cross at 7pm.
HOLY SATURDAY	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Rosary 9am. Morning Prayer & Office of Readings 10.00am. Easter Vigil at 8.30pm.
EASTER SUNDAY	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mass at 10am & 12 noon.