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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B 10th March 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
12th March; 7th May; 11th 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.

R.C.I.A.

Rites of Scrutiny (3rd/4th/5th
Sundays of Lent - 3rd, 10th, 17th
March at 12 noon.);

Preparatory Rite for Reception of the
Sacraments & Rehearsal: Saturday
30th March at 9.30am;

Reception of Candidates: Easter Vigil
- Saturday 30th March at 8.30pm.
Reception afterwards.

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, Catherine Ayre,
Kathleen O'Doherty, Paige Anderson,
Mary Madden, Camille McPhail,
Brian Mann, Terry Hand, Ross Devine,
Bernard Gardner & Alfie McDiarmid.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

For those who died recently:

Cathie Ogg, Mrs Una McNicholas,
Margaret McCann, Mary Bonnar &
Bill White.

Requiescant in Pace.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Robin Oliphant, Ewan Mackay,
Bernard McGrenaghan, Molly Conway,
George MacKinnon, Alister MacKinnon,
Hugo Zanner, Michael Pelosi &
Marie Devlin.

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.



SCIAF & PAPAL & EPISCOPAL CHARITIES & ST. MIRIN'S FUND:

9th/10th March The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees. In 2022 this collection raised £20,516, which represents 87% of our expenditure of £23,701. In 2022 the Parish collections for SCIAF and SCIAF Boxes also raised a total of £101,174 up 300% on the 2021 total of £25,199.

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.

FEAST DAYS: Click on the link below to access all dates for this year: [Universalis: Calendar for 2024](#)

Click this page to access more news/events

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

ST CADOC'S LENTEN PROGRAMME See details of all services (at the end of this Bulletin) and on Parish web.

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: **15th 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), 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

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 - St. Patrick's Night Family Ceilidh: **CANCELLED**. Unfortunately, due to lack of support and interest, and with only a handful of tickets sold, this event scheduled for Friday 15th March 2024 has been cancelled. The Social Committee of the Parish are very disappointed in having to make this decision but had no other option due to lack of support. Those parishioners who have already purchased tickets will be reimbursed accordingly. Catherine Senior, the Secretary, will be in contact with you to arrange for your monies to be refunded. Please contact Catherine on (07555 094304 or c.m.senior@talk21.com) for further information. Many thanks.

Please consider supporting our upcoming Parish events: **Race Night (for adults only) - Saturday 27th April** and **Family Fun Day & Barbecue—Sunday 23rd June**. 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). **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.

SUPPORT for UKRANIAN 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...)

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 March: **Canon Joseph Costeur 1966**, 2nd March: **Fr. Jeremiah O'Sullivan 1959**, 3rd March: **Canon John O'Donnell 1963**, 8th March: **Mons. Gerard Brennan 2014**, 10th March: **Fr. James Keenaghan 1991**, 14th March: **Fr. Joseph Courtney 1949**, 15th March: **Canon Francis Hamilton 1979**, 15th March: **Fr. John Heffernan 2018**, 17th March: **Canon Thomas Hearty 1997**, 20th March: **Fr. James Donnelly 1963**, 29th March: **Rt. Rev. James Black 1st Bishop of Paisley 1968**

CATHEDRAL CONFESSIONS Come home for Easter! On **Thursday 21st March**, priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm, during which Confessions will not be heard.

LEGION OF MARY The Legion of Mary Acies ceremony will be held in Holy Family church, Port Glasgow on **Saturday, 23rd of March** at 2 pm. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come to renew their consecration to Our Lady for the coming year. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

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@

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...

LENTEN MISSION You are invited to a 3-day Mission in St Peter's church, Paisley to come closer to the Lord through the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and talks. The theme of the Mission will be "The Saving Mysteries of Faith". From **12th-14th March**, Masses will begin at 7pm and will be followed by Holy Hours and Benediction. The Mission will be led by Fr Jonathan Whitworth, Fr Ryan Black and Fr Joe McGill.

"WALK WITH ME" Alive Publishing has been busy working on the Eastertide edition of *Walk with Me* which continues the theme of prayer. The Eastertide edition can be both a wonderful gift and tool for evangelisation in reaching out to people who, for whatever reason, no longer attend Sunday Mass. If you would like a copy of this edition, check your parish's Piety Stall or visit www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/walk-with-me

LENTEN PRAYER Responding to the Holy Father's call for a time of prayer in preparation for the Holy Year, there will be a time of prayer in Lent in St Mary's Greenock. On 6th, 13th and 20th March beginning at 7pm, there will be an evening hour of retreat to encourage our life of prayer and help us reflect upon the major gospel passages associated with Lent. You can come along or join in online. For more info, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/lenten-prayer-in-greenock>.

MONTHLY 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. These devotions are held on the last **Wednesday of every month**.
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2024 AS IT IS HOLY WEEK.

THINK VOCATION Fourth Sunday of Lent – 10th March 2024 “Whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light.” Could God be calling you to step out into the light and be seen as a person of faith, one who can inspire faith in others too as a priest? Please speak with our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 0141 889 5056 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! The next Mass will be offered in St. Joseph's, Clarkston, on **Friday 5th April** 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 **NC15- lower abortion to 22 weeks.** If this amendment passes, it will be the first positive change to our abortion laws to happen for over thirty-three years. Many lives will likely be saved from abortion
URGENT CAMPAIGN ACTION - EMAIL YOUR MP NOW. There is an easy-to-use tool on the **Little Fighters** webpage that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP: Scotland: Ask your MSPs to revoke the dangerous DIY abortion decision – Right To Life UK

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

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) The ‘Christ in the Covenants’ series. Next talk: 7pm in the Diocesan Office on **Wednesday 10th April**. 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) or Fr Joe McGill (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 Czestochowa Sanctuary. Flights from/to Edinburgh. Estimated cost: £600-800pp. For more info, contact Fr Ryan Black (ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Joe McGill (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:

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](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

Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan 2023 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 is 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](#)

GONZAGA LECTURE SERIES returns this year in partnership with Jesuit Missions and The Archbishop Romero Trust under the theme of "Prophetic and resilient presence in the face of injustice". We hope that you are able to join us for some of these lectures, which are free to attend. As well as information on how to book your place, further details on the lectures and speakers can be found at [Gonzaga Lecture Series 2024 \(staloysius.org\)](http://staloysius.org)

Wednesday 6th March, 7pm | Prof. Bart McGettrick: *Educating in the face of Injustice: Christians in the Holy Land today*

Wednesday 13th March, 7pm | Dr Raymond Perrier: *Prayerful & Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Archbishops Oscar Romero & Denis Hurley*

Wednesday 20th March, 7pm | Dr Jan Graffius: *Resilience in the Face of Injustice: Romero & the Jesuit Martyrs*

VACANCY The Diocese of Paisley is recruiting a part-time Office Administrator based at the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, who will support the Property Manager and the PA to the Bishop with office administration. Find out here: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/vacancy-office-administrator>.

RECRUITMENT: The Diocese of Paisley has been awarded a grant to recruit a Fundraiser to help expand our work with young people. They should have good sector knowledge (arts/education/faith) and a recent track record of successful bids to make targeted approaches to charitable bodies and be happy to work on a day rate. For more info, visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/recruitment-fundraiser>.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT? Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. If interested. Please contact – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk Jack Regan, Director of Youth Services, Diocese of Lancaster“

Catholic Families for Life”: Latest issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life – download a copy on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.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

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 PREPARATION COURSES – Diocese of Paisley: We invite all couples due to be Married in 2024 to register for one 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
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>

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS at 7.30pm on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** in Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome.

MASS FOR ST. PATRICK **16th March** at 11am – St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street.

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

CARDINAL WINNING LECTURE All are welcome to attend the Cardinal Winning Lecture at the University of Glasgow on **20th April**, which will look at the nature of Catholic schools. To reserve your place, and to find out more, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/cardinal-winning-lecture-2024>.

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 or calling [01947 899600](tel:01947899600).

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](tel:02035421800) or pilgrimages@across.org.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil outside of the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow, which takes place from 8am until 8pm each day **until Palm Sunday**. For more info, email 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. Next talk:

Wednesday 13th 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 14th - March 27th 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.

Crafted in Love: A Quiet Day for Lent **Saturday 16th 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 8th March if possible. Register

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

HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE **Grief To Grace** is hosting a confidential healing retreat on **Monday, 15th to Saturday, 20th 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@griegtogracescotland.org

Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures: Transfiguration of the Commonplace. Dr Linden Bicket: The Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey are pleased to announce this year's Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures which will take place in St Scholastica's Guesthouse, Pluscarden Abbey, **from the afternoon of Tuesday 21 – the morning of Thursday 23 May 2024.** This year's lecturer will be Dr Linden Bicket from the Edinburgh University School of Divinity. She will give four lectures on the theme of Scottish Catholic Literature and the 'transfiguration of the commonplace'

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

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>

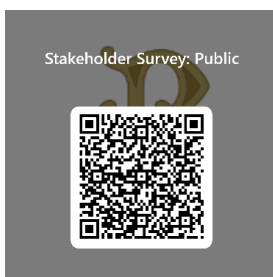
CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE You can now download the latest issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Commission for Marriage, Family & Life. Download your copy at: <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter>

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](https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide)
www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion www.standupandsmile.org.uk / [Equally Human https://carenotkilling.scot/](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://www.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.



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

SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

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

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

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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

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

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

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

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