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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 26th July 2026



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

[Available on Parish website/ YouTube](#)

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT **FOR THE MONTH - July:**

*We provide training and support
 for all who are responsible for
 safeguarding.*

SOLACE Bereavement Support

Group was formed from the Parish Pastoral Council to support families in a time of bereavement. Working closely with the Parish Priest and the family - for as long as they are needed - the Group offers advice on what to do when a loved one dies especially in relation to the planning and preparing for the celebration of the funeral liturgies. If you wish to contact SOLACE, please call 0141 639 1073.

ST. CADOC'S SSVP 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.

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.

HOLY MASS and THE SACRAMENTS

HOLY MASS

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

Holy Days of Obligation:

6.30pm Vigil and 10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30-11.30am

FUNERALS

*Requiem Masses will be live-streamed
 only if requested by the Families.*

BAPTISM

Sundays at 1.30pm

MARRIAGE

By arrangement.

(Marriage preparation required.)

Public recitation of the Rosary

before Mass:

Monday to Friday at 9.30am



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

For those who are sick:

Anne Coats, Ian Hay, Kate Cafferkey,
 Blythe Winning, Mary Madden,
 Paul Lizzeri, Pat Wood,
 Kathleen O'Doherty, Paige Anderson,
 Ross Devine, Bernard Gardner,
 Alfie McDiarmid, Anne Queenan,
 Duncan McColl, Rosie Higgins,
 John Byrne, Julia O' Kane,
 Monica Maguire, Christina Lidman,
 Marie Reid, Una Gallagher,
 David Stewart, Maureen Gore,
 Peter Allish, Ella Sweeney,
 Robin Brown, Julia Smith,
 Andrew McGettrick,
 Gerardine Severine, Neil Warren,
 Eugene Fitzpatrick, Euan Kay,
 Russ Parker, Maureen Cairney,
 Margaret Mackin, Ana Ferreira,
 Joseph Lynch, Tress Carville. &
 Elaine O'Donnell.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

For those who died recently:

Rose Mullin, Billy Horn, Mary Collins,
 Anne Milne, Sean Forde,
 Elizabeth Carragher & Lesley Cairns.
Requiescant in Pace.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John McClafferty, Janet Eaton &
 John Cairns.

Requiescant in Pace.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for your continued support of the Parish through Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Pay Portals, envelopes and the basket in the porch of the church. *These continue to be difficult times for everyone financially so please simply give what you can. Your financial support is always very much appreciated and more so given the on-going impact of Covid-19 on our lives.*

Canon Eddie

QR code - linked to our Parish PAYA Charity

On-line Giving page: You may find it more convenient to scan our QR code so that you can use your phone to take you straight to the donation page.



DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING Please

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

Charities Trust for Online Giving

Charities Trust: You can find the new links at <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/online-giving> The most efficient way to donate on a regular basis to your Parish is by using standing orders, which can be set up using a form or using online banking. The Charities Trust however is a useful additional way of giving to your Parish, and allows visitors to Parishes to make one-off donations. *We are very grateful for your on-going generous support of this work.*

SCIAF APPEALS Should you wish

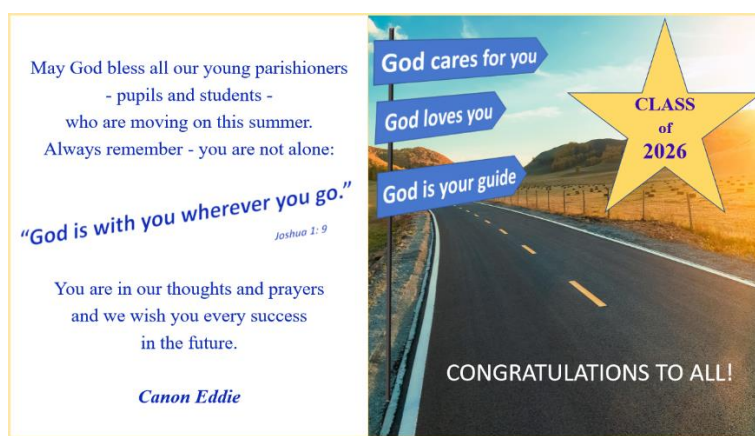
to make further donations please visit: www.sciaf.org.uk Thank you for your support; please pray for all who work for SCIAF and all whom they help.

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.

Click this page to access more news/events

WORLD DAY of GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY
Sunday 26th July 2026



EPISCOPAL MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY— FAMILY LIFE

With Bishop John, we pray for families in the month of July. We pray that they may be strengthened in love and unity. May they find joy and support in Christ and in one another. Lord, hear us. More details available at: [Diocese of Paisley | Episcopal Prayer Intentions for 2026 | Paisley, UK](#) and on Parish web.

FEAST DAYS: Click on the link to access all dates for this year: [Universalis: Calendar for 2026](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The new session will commence in early September once the schools have returned. The exact date will be published in the Parish Bulletin and website nearer the time. I wish to take this opportunity, to extend my thanks to the children's liturgy leaders and the students from St. Ninian's High School (especially – Michela, Genevieve, Chizzy and Michelle). I also wish to thank the senior pupils from St. Clare & St. Cadoc's primary schools. Everyone involved in Children's Liturgy, has given the children lots of help, support and encouragement in the formation of their faith.

As always, we are looking for new leaders/volunteers to assist with the liturgy, when the new session commences in early September. Please give serious consideration to this request during the summer break, as we are always short of volunteers, and is a good way to be involved in our Parish community. If you are interested, or wish to find out more about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Senior, Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator - email: c.m.senior@talk21.com or Mobile: 07555 094304, for further information. It should be noted that anyone wishing to volunteer, must be/or apply to be a PVG scheme member; and it is also mandatory that volunteers attend a child protection training meeting – however, this process can be easily arranged through the Parish and Diocese. It may be that some of our new S6 students would like to be involved, especially if they are looking for a volunteering opportunity for their Caritas application. If so, please contact Catherine Senior for further details.

YOUTH HUB – New members in S1 – S3 are encouraged to come along with their friends on **Sundays (term time) 4pm - 5.30pm**; in St. Cadoc's Church hall to enjoy an afternoon of fun. All welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - SUNDAY MORNING TEA/COFFEES: This service resumes in September after the summer break. All proceeds go to the Diocesan Ecclesiastic Students' Fund. *Catherine Senior*

MARY'S MEALS COFFEE GROUP This service is available on **Tuesdays** after 10am Mass. Many thanks to all who support this Charity. *Patsy Henderson pp Mary's Meals Team.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Keep up to date with what's happening in the Parish. Latest Minutes, plus, Social Committee, Youth Hub and Children's Liturgy Reports (June 2026) are available on Parish web to read/download.

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.

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.**

CHURCH FLOWERS Thanks to all who have joined the team. We now have a group to help at special occasions and take a turn a few times a year. *Veronica Sheridan*

DO YOU PLAY CHESS? Would you like to learn to play Chess? St. Cadoc's Chess Club welcomes anyone interested in playing chess at any level. Join us on **TUESDAYS**, 6.30pm till 9.30pm, in St Cadoc's Church Hall. Tea and Biscuits served! ! If you would like any more information please contact Hugh on 07488238913. Check Mate!

ST. CADOC'S GOLF SOCIETY "You may or may not know that our parish has a golf society which has existed in one form or another for over 50 years. The object of the society is twin fold. We promote a community of parishioners who have the common interest of golf and to that end we have Sunday outings from late Spring until Autumn. The program includes two weekend trips over a Friday to Sunday in Scotland. The second goal is fund raising for charities at each outing. The charities we supported were Mary's Meals, Glasgow City Mission, St Vincent's Hospice and the food bank of the Trussell Trust. Outings cost approximately £60 which includes a two-course meal plus an additional few pounds for prizes (golf balls) and gratuities for golf club catering staff. Most golf clubs limit participants to 24. The weekends tend to be smaller. The weekend trips tend to be booked by current members very quickly once the program is published. The weekends are for trophies but the other trips are just the glory of victory. We have a final social evening involving dinner at a local restaurant nearer Christmas to wind up the year and allocate the charity money as agreed by the committee. Membership of the society is open to all parishioners, family and friends. We are a very friendly club and if there is anyone who would like to join us then contact our current committee chairman Jim McGuinness." Email: jimmcguinness@jmgconsulting.co.uk

DON'T MISS OUT: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support to which they are entitled. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit: mygov.scot/benefits or scan the QR code.



AROUND OUR DIOCESE

COMMEMORATORIUM CLERICORUM DEFUNTORUM PASLETANAE DIOECESIS: JULY

Canon Patrick Brannan 2024; Canon Joseph Sweeney 1966; Fr. Arthur J. Kilpatrick 2001; Canon James F. Murphy 2016; Mons. Matthew Kinsella VG 2009; Canon James J. Sheehan 2008; Fr. James A. O'Neill 1961. **Requiescant in Pace.**

DIAL-A-MASS : To listen to Holy Mass by phone, call 0141-473 4869.

MASS TIMES ACROSS THE DIOCESE The Diocesan Communications Commission lists all the Mass times for Holy Days of Obligation on the Diocesan website for ease of reference at <https://rcdop.org.uk/ash>. The details will be regularly updated. You can link directly to the webpage using this QR code:



FATIMA VIGIL in Howwood: The Fatima Vigil is held in Christ the King Church, Howwood, on the **12th of each month from May to October**. The next Vigil will take place on **Wednesday 12th August**. The Vigil begins with a Rosary procession (weather allowing) at 7:30pm, followed by Holy Mass and Benediction. Refreshments are available in the hall afterwards.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS: A new Millions of Monicas prayer group is beginning at our parish, Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Paisley. We will meet on the first Tuesday of the month, starting on Tuesday **4th August**, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the church. Women from surrounding parishes are welcome to join us to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary for our children in need of God's mercy and a return to the practice of their Catholic faith. All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of Saint Monica in her perseverance in prayer. This is not a support group and no sensitive information is shared. For more information, visit [Home - Millions of Monicas](#) or contact Louise at carrolllouise@hotmail.com

ADDITIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATION in R.E. (Catholic Schools): Saint Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education is delighted to offer the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCS for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary school. **The course begins in August**. For all details including teaching dates and costs see <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/atqreforcatholicschools/>. The Diocese of Paisley supports ATQRE and will pay one third of the fees for applicants who live in the Diocese and attend Bishop John's support sessions. Details at: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/atqre>

SCIAF Emergency Appeal for the crisis across the Holy Land. Through the global Caritas network, we are working with local organisations to reach those caught up in this devastating humanitarian crisis. Your donation today will help provide emergency support to those most in need. Please give what you can to: [SCIAF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund | SCIAF](#)

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).

APPLYING for SEMINARY: At this time of year the Catholic Church in Scotland welcomes applications for Seminary for the year 2027. If you think God may be calling you to the joyful life of a Priest in the Diocese of Paisley, to serve His people, to celebrate the Sacraments and to Preach the Word, 'do not be afraid – He is there.' To find out more about the application process and Seminary itself, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Eoin Patten, by email ve-vocations@rcdop.org.uk

VOCATIONS NEWS: Check out our Vocations web pages at rcdop.org.uk/dp-vocations. You can also support us by liking, sharing and following our Vocations social media pages: Instagram: @dioceseofpaisleyvocations / TikTok: @paisleyvocations / X: @DoPVocations Thank you for helping to promote and pray for vocations in our Diocese!

SCIAF SHIELD 5-a-side football tournament: SCIAF are encouraging parishes across the Diocese to sign up for this year's SCIAF Shield. Their annual 5-a-side football tournament held in Shawlands takes place on **1st August**. Parishes from across Scotland will be represented and take part in a day focusing on faith, football and fundraising. For more information and to sign up please visit [The SCIAF Shield | SCIAF](http://TheSCIAFShield.com) or e-mail their Community Engagement Officer at getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk with any questions. All funds raised will go to SCIAF's Emergency Hunger Appeal supporting communities in Africa.

STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND *"Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable. We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ. Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses. In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute. Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn. This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people."*

DECISIONS REGARDING the PASTORAL CONVERSION of the CLUSTERS: *St. Stephen's, St. Benedict's, Notre Dame and St. Columba's. Having listened to the advice of the recent Council of Priests and being persuaded by the strength of their votes regarding the proposals put to it for consultation, I have decided on the following:*

***Proposal** for the pastoral conversion of **St. Stephen's Cluster:** that the Parish of the Holy Family, Port Glasgow, be suppressed, closing the church building, parish house and hall and redistributing the territory of the Holy Family between St Francis of Assisi and St John the Baptist parishes; for this to come into effect on Sunday the 28th of December 2025 after the Festal Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family.

***Proposal** for the pastoral conversion of **St. Benedict's Cluster:** that Christ the King will take the necessary steps towards entering an extinctive union with St Aidan's; that St. Conval's and St Fillan's will unite as one parish with two churches and one priest when the last of the two current parishes priests moves; that St Aidan's and St Margaret's will work together over the following three years towards becoming one parish.

***Proposal** for the pastoral conversion of the **Notre Dame and St. Columba's Clusters;** that this process be taken jointly between the Notre Dame and St Columba's clusters and begin in the new year 2026.

R.C.I.A. The RCIA process will be starting soon in a parish near you. For more information, please contact your local priest or fill in the enquiry form at [Diocese of Paisley | Diocese of Paisley R.C.I.A | Paisley, UK](http://DioceseofPaisley.com/RCIA) where you will find more information about the process. Do you know someone who may be interested? Please let them know... Please keep all those on this journey of faith, in 22 out of our 30 parishes, in your prayers.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ACTION PLAN 2025: A copy of the completed Plan for 2025 is now available on the Diocesan website. This plan was reviewed at the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group on 11.12.25 and has now been approved by Bishop John. As always, we extend our thanks and gratitude to all our Clergy, PSC's and church volunteers who commit themselves to ensuring our church communities remain as safe and protected as humanly possible. The plans are available at [Diocese of Paisley | Safety In Our Catholic Communities | Paisley, UK](http://DioceseofPaisley.com/SafetyInOurCatholicCommunities)

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – 2026: If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed Part 1 training more than two years ago, you are invited to sign up for one of the following training sessions. Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at the Safeguarding Office to register. Tel: 0141 847 6138 or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk Dates:

Tuesday 25th August, 7pm, Diocesan Centre Paisley

Saturday 19th September, 10.30am, St Mary's Church Hall, Greenock

Tuesday 6th October, 7pm, St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkston

Saturday 14th November, 10.30am, Diocesan Centre, Paisley.

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

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.

HUMAN RIGHTS and DIGNITY The Church ardently urges that respect for the dignity of the human person beyond all circumstances be placed at the centre of the commitment to the common good and at the centre of every legal system. Please ask your MSPs and MPs not to allow assisted suicide to become legal in Scotland: <https://writetothem.com>

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>

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – God's Way – Nature's Way. For further information or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland Limited at info@fertilitycare.org.uk

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2026: We invite engaged couples to register for one of the courses on offer in 2026. The course consists of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley. For any additional details or queries please contact Rebecca Harrison at marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk More details also at: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation>

MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2026: In partnership with SPUC you are invited to join Bishop John Keenan on his coach to London for *March for Life UK 2026*. **Departing midnight Friday 4 September** from Paisley St Mirin's Cathedral, with a pickup 12.30am at Glasgow St. Andrew's Cathedral. Arriving in London at Emmanuel Centre approx. 7.30/8am Saturday 5 September for the Exhibition, Mass, talks and stall on Saturday 5 September at approx. 6:00pm, dropping off at Glasgow and Paisley. £30pp. For further details, visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marchforlife2026>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Holy Father is inviting young people from around the world to Seoul in South Korea, in **August 2027**. The Diocese of Paisley is responding to Pope Leo's invitation. Will you be aged 19-35 in Summer 2027? Do you want to know more? Register your interest now at www.rebrand.ly/DPY-WYD-2027 Email Fr Ryan at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk with enquiries.

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>.

ST. CONVAL'S CEMETERY VANDALISM FUND We have been asked by a number of people about setting up a fund after the recent vandalism of the graveyard which resulted in a number of gravestones being badly damaged or destroyed and the large Crucifix also being set on fire and badly scorched. A number of well-intentioned people have set up independent fundraising sites on our behalf but we would prefer if any donations were made through our official charities fund using the QR code or via the link on the Diocesan website for the 'St Conval's Cemetery Vandalism Fund.' (Sponsor Me - Online fundraising Service) We can then liaise with the owners of the lairs and fund the necessary repairs to the gravestones. All money donated to the fund will be distributed to the families and if necessary used to refurbish the scorched crucifix was also set on fire by the perpetrator. We really appreciate your support and generosity at this difficult time for all the families affected.



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

SPONSORED FUNDRAISER: In **August**, Michael Riddoch will be taking part in "The Drop", a 15-mile navigation challenge which will involve him trying to find his way home with no phone, electronics, map, or compass. He's raising funds for the Diocesan Youth Commission, which supports young people in our community, providing them with opportunities for growth, faith, and community involvement. To sponsor Michael, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dyp2026> Thank you!

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY BULLETIN: This weekend the Diocesan Communications Commission is launching the Diocese of Paisley Bulletin. The bulletin does not replace individual parish bulletins but adds to them by allowing news and events from across the Diocese to be shared with the wider Diocesan community. In order to receive the bulletin each week by email please register your details on the Diocesan website at rcdop.org.uk/diocesan-bulletin Or, you can access by using the QR Code.



MAILING LIST: The Diocesan Youth Office seeks to provide opportunities for children and young people from the ages of 5-35 to foster faith and develop friendships. Parents/guardians and young people can complete an online form to sign up to a mailing list and stay informed about events for young people in the Diocese of Paisley. Access the form at: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-mailing.

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY PODCAST: Vanda meets up with the Team behind NET Scotland, to learn about the great work they do with the Youth of our Diocese and speaks with their modern day Missionaries about why it's so important to bring the word of the Lord into schools. You can listen at: <https://rcdop.org.uk/podcast>

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY WEBSITE: Our Communications Commission is looking to recruit volunteers with a knowledge of social media and/or website maintenance. Could you spare some of your time to help spread the Word of God in our Diocese? If you are interested - we'd love to hear from you!

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.

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.

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP SCHEME This UK-wide Scheme has closed and the replacement fund applies only in England. For many parishes and dioceses in Scotland, this means essential repairs and improvement projects for listed church buildings will become more expensive, placing further pressure on already stretched budgets. You are encouraged to write to your MSPs to ask for clarity on support in Scotland and to back a practical Scottish funding route.

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**

"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>
The newsletter will be produced 4 times a year. **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>

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.

THE CATENIANS New members are always welcome. Information about the Association at <https://thecatenians.com/about-us/>
The Catenians offer financial support to young Catholics between the ages of 16 and 25 who volunteer to help others through its Bursary Fund, details of which may be found at <https://catenianbursary.com/> There are two types of awards: Individual Project Awards for gap-year projects and Lourdes Awards for those acting as helpers for assisted pilgrims. Applications for the Bursary Fund awards can be made via the Bursary Fund website.

"WALK WITH ME" This 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 more details visit www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/walk-with-me

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

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

WORLD DAY of GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY: Everyone is warmly invited to a special celebration at Carfin Grotto on **Sunday 26th July**. Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Holy Mass at 3pm as we give thanks for the invaluable contribution of grandparents and the elderly to our families, parishes and communities. Please bring your grandparents, family members and friends.

NEW CHURCH CONSECRATION: Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Consecration on **Sunday 26th July** with His excellency Mar Joseph Srampickal, Bishop Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain. All welcome. Craigneuk Street, Wishaw, ML2 7UY.

FASLANE CHRISTIAN PEACE WITNESS VIGIL : **Saturday 1st August** from 11am to 12:30pm. Join Justice and Peace Scotland in August at Faslane Naval Base for our annual Christian Peace Witness Vigil as we pray and advocate for a world without nuclear weapons. Organised by J&PS, the gathering – this year at the North Gate - will be a time of prayer, reflection, readings, and song led by senior Church leaders from across Scotland. Members of the Iona Community and the Quakers will also join us to call for nuclear disarmament and peace. As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers and to uphold the dignity of every human life. Nuclear weapons are fundamentally incompatible with this call as their existence threatens indiscriminate destruction and a future built on fear and power-wielding rather than on fraternity amongst nations. A free bus service will be provided for the day, with pick-ups in Edinburgh and Glasgow. For details and to reserve places, please email office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk.

FREE WILL & GRACE: **28 - 31 August 2026**: Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/>

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE The Bishops' Conference Care of Creation Office invites you to the Season of Creation Conference 2026 on **Saturday, 5th September 2026**, 10am – 3pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Our guest speaker will be Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, and there will be workshops on how to engage young people and parish groups. Please register here: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26

PREGNANT? Worried? No support? You can choose to have your baby and we will help. Any woman, from any ethnic origin, any religion or none, faced with a crisis pregnancy is welcome to contact The Cardinal Winning Pro-life Initiative for help and support (see poster in porch). Phone 0141 433 2680 or 07377 565291

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form (S5/6) students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12/ **S5, 10-15 August**) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13/ **S6, 5-10 July**). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character: www.christianleadershipformation.com

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

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND Newsletter: June-August 2026 issue is out now. This features an introduction to Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanita*, as well as regular news and updates from around the J&PS network, upcoming events and campaign actions to support. Available at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

RADIO MARIA UK (RM UK) now on DAB radio in the Glasgow area with the addition of a major new signal across Scotland reaching its principal cities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, as well as Scotland's Central Belt, including the Glasgow to Edinburgh corridor. Find out more and listen online at <https://radiomaria.uk/>.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE (CPO) Information on how to contact and to register your views is available in the February issue of the CPO Newsletter available at: office@rcpolitics.org

COMMUNITY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Every Friday evening people gather on-line at 7pm for this half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs.

Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the access the **Zoom link** via [Diocese of Paisley | Community Circle of Prayer | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](https://dioceseofpaisley.org.uk/community-circle-of-prayer/)

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY CIR is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery. **Join a virtual meeting** to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery. For more info, visit www.catholicinrecovery.com.

THREAT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill introduces 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>

ASSISTED SUICIDE 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/>

RIGHT TO LIFE UP-DATE: JUNE 2026

“Despite a very big backlash from a large number of MPs, Lauren Edwards MP has gone ahead with bringing back Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill. She formally presented it to the House of Commons yesterday. Lauren Edwards also confirmed that the Bill's Second Reading will take place on Friday 11 September. It's now going to be vital that the Bill is defeated at Second Reading. This means that we have just over 12 weeks to ensure MPs understand why this dangerous Bill must be rejected at Second Reading.

WHY THE MOMENTUM IS ON OUR SIDE THIS TIME

It is going to be much more difficult for the assisted suicide lobby to gain traction and win this vote compared to the last time they brought forward the original Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill almost two years ago.

The assisted suicide lobby has now lost the last two major battles it has fought.

In March, the McArthur assisted suicide Bill was defeated in Scotland.

Then, after passing the Commons last year, the Leadbeater Bill failed to become law after it ran into serious opposition in the House of Lords. Peers raised a large number of concerns about the Bill, and it did not complete its passage before the end of the parliamentary session, so failed to become law.

Only 12 MPs need to change their minds for the Bill to be defeated.

Already, seven MPs from Labour, the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats who had backed the Bill at Third Reading last time have said they do not support bringing back the Bill in this new Parliamentary session or taking the route that the assisted suicide lobby has made clear they are going to take with this Bill – forcing it into law via the Parliament Acts.

They have been joined by other MPs who have raised serious doubts about using the Parliament Acts for a Bill like this.

These MPs are likely to be the tip of the iceberg and represent views shared by many other MPs.

Recent polling of the general public also shows there is no public mandate in any constituency in Great Britain for reviving the failed Bill. Cont.

...An MRP poll conducted by Whitestone Insight of over 10,000 people, the largest public poll conducted on assisted suicide since the Leadbeater assisted dying Bill was introduced in October 2024, has shown that there is no mandate from the public to revive Kim Leadbeater's failed assisted suicide Bill and circumvent the House of Lords to push it into law. Even Peter Bedford, a co-sponsor of the revived Bill introduced yesterday, told a constituent only three weeks ago that he "does not think it will succeed if brought back as a Private Members' Bill again during this parliamentary session". The Times leader article yesterday similarly described hopes of success for a new Bill as "highly unlikely" and "delusional", describing the Bill as "shoddy" and "riddled with defects". So we should be encouraged. But we are not there yet.

WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT

The assisted suicide lobby is very upset that the Bill did not become law last time. They will be working hard over the next 12 weeks to try to force it through.

We should expect a very well-funded and very determined campaign from our opposition.

So this is going to be a big battle.

But it is a battle we can win.

Over the next 12 weeks, we are going to be mounting a very large nationwide campaign across mainstream media outlets, online across all major social media platforms, in communities around the country, and in Parliament, all laser-focused on defeating this dangerous Bill on 11 September.

.WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The key date is Friday 11 September.

At the right moments, I will ask you to take action so your MP hears clearly from you and from other constituents.

That may mean writing or visiting your MP. It may mean sharing important updates with friends and family. It may mean helping make sure other people in your constituency know what is happening.

We will make each step as simple and clear as possible.

Thank you so much for everything you have already done.

The work that supporters like you have put in over the last two years has made a real difference. MPs are in a very different place now to where they were when the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill was first introduced almost two years ago. Cont...

There is a lot of work ahead, but we should be encouraged.

The assisted suicide lobby has lost its last two major battles. The Bill faces a much harder path this time.

This dangerous Bill can be defeated at Second Reading on 11 September."

Thank you again for your support.

With best wishes,

Catherine Robinson

Right To Life UK

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
www.standupandsmile.org.uk / **Equally Human** <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

LIFE - Text to Talk Essential Messaging Service "Over recent weeks, many of you contacted your MP to help raise awareness of the threat facing our essential Text to Talk messaging service. Thanks to the combined work of supporters, MPs, peers, service providers and affected charities, the number will now remain operational until April 2027, rather than being withdrawn on 31 May 2026 as originally planned. While this is welcome news, the underlying issue has not been resolved. Our Text to Talk number is not simply a 'yes/no' service, it provides vulnerable people with safe, discreet access to support, guidance, and crisis services. We have learned that retaining the number range beyond April 2027 is expected to involve substantial ongoing costs that many charities, including Life, will struggle to meet. Without a long-term solution, these services will face the same threat next year. We therefore continue to call for a round-table meeting involving O2/Telefonica, organisations across the supply chain and affected charities. Direct engagement is the best way to ensure that both the technical realities and the human impact are fully understood. please consider writing to ask your MP to support this call for a meeting." Kerry Smart, Life CEO.
More details of ways to help at: <https://lifecharity.org.uk> Tel: 0808 802 5433

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.

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

FOUR STEPS TO FREEDOM in Tanzania. Can you buy some lovely home and garden plants and help free Tanzania from 1,500 death from rabies each year? This local Scottish based charity helps fund vaccination of the dog populations and saving may human lives, as well as reducing animal cruelty due to fear and mistrust of dogs. Every £2.50 you spend vaccinates one dog. From 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.

Find out more at: <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.