

Diocesan News and Events

Special Collection - 19th March 2022 - SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal & St. Mirin's Fund

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.

Divine Mercy Monthly Devotions

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Adoration on **Wednesday 29 March 2023**. The mass will take place **at St Mirin's Cathedral for March only**, it will be back at St Mary's in April. All are welcome.

Think Vocation

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me." Could God's will be that you be a priest, deacon or religious? Could you find energy and life responding to that call? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418892602 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

Legion of Mary - Annual Acies ceremony

The annual Acies ceremony of the Legion of Mary will be held in St Mirins Cathedral on the feast of the Annunciation, **Saturday, 25th of March at 2pm**. All active and auxiliary members are warmly invited to come along and renew their devotion to Our Lady for the year ahead. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

Diocese of Paisley Safeguarding Thought for the Month

As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and voluntary members - to work together to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.

Relics of Padre Pio in Scotland

There will be mass followed by individual blessing with the mit/glove of Padre Pio. 20th March at 7pm in St. John's, Barrhead and 23rd March at 7pm in St. Francis', Port Glasgow.

Diocese of Paisley Lenten Catechesis 2023 - Jesus: The Source of Eternal Life - St. Mirin's Cathedral, 2.00-4.00pm

Remembering our popular Lenten Catechesis of 2015, the diocese will be holding two Lenten Catecheses to prepare us for the Easter Season. Again, this can be a lovely Lenten penance for those who are wondering what to do this year. **Sunday**

12th March, Third Sunday of Lent, Bishop High Gilbert of Aberdeen will reflect on *Jesus and the Woman at the Well* and on **Sunday 26th March**, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Brian McGee of Argyll and the Isles, will reflect on *Jesus and Lazarus*. As well as Bishops' Catechesis there will be Testimony from Young People, Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction with music led by our Diocesan Choir. **Please note this Lenten gathering is an in-person event therefore the Livestream will not be available.**

Lent Reflection Day for Primary School Pupils

Sunday 12th March: The Diocese of Paisley will be facilitating a day of reflection and activities for Primary School pupils (p4-7) on Sunday March 12th at St. James, 50 Greenock Road, Paisley. Beginning at 2pm and ending with Dinner at 5.00pm (collection time 5.30pm), the afternoon will include activities, catechesis and Mass. Pre-booking is recommended but not required. All attendees will be required to bring a completed consent form. These can be collected from Diocesan Primary schools, Parishes or by emailing vocations@rcdop.org.uk. For further information or queries please contact Fr. John Morrison Tel: 01418892026 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

CELEBRATE Catholic Ministry : Parenting for Faith - A new online course for those with Babies and Toddlers

Starts Thursday 23rd Feb for 5 weeks at 8pm for approx 45 minutes. **On zoom so no need for babysitters!** By introducing faith in simple steps, this course aim to help parents teach their children to pray and discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God. To register scan the QR code or visit <https://www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith>



Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

The pilgrimage will take place from 18th - 22nd April 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Youth to Lourdes 2023

Our pilgrimage returns this summer. In s3-s6? Do you wish to serve others? Learn more about your faith? Meet other young people? If so, then Youth to Lourdes could be for you. This year the pilgrimage will leave Scotland on Thursday 29th June 2023.

We will arrive in Lourdes on Friday 30th June. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 7th July 2023. The pilgrimage costs £650.00. Want to know more? Contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418892026 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or follow us on Instagram, facebook and twitter.

Safeguarding Training - PART ONE - Church Volunteers

There will be a Part One training session taking place on:

Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR

As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic Church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. If you would like to attend this training session, please contact **SarahJane Colhoun on 0141 847 6138** or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

SYNOD 2021-2024

The Papal Synod timeline has now been extended, by a year, to 2024. The document for the Continental Stage has now been published and is available on the diocesan website homepage. This will be the focus of the European Assembly in February 2023. Please send any comments to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk.

Month Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. **Adoration begins at 6.15pm.** Tea in the hall afterwards - all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Stephen Hannah.

Reconciliation and Healing Service

This service will take place in St. Aidan's, Tower Road, Johnstone, PA5 0AD on Sunday 26th March at 6.45pm. The Speaker - Joe Livingston. The theme is "Being Alive In The Spirit". There will be a blessing with 2 relics - Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (Sacred Heart) Saint Catherine Laboure (Miraculous Medal)

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage

The annual Brecbannoch Pilgrimage will take place 9 -12 June 2023. With the permission of Bishop Brian McGhee, pilgrims will traverse the 43 miles from Oban to Iona on foot, praying for a new evangelisation in Scotland, which once rang with Catholic faith from sea to sea. Along the way we will not only invoke the special intercession of the holy men and women of Scotland, but we will carry the relics of St Columba, St Andrew, an St Margaret. Sign up as soon as places are running out: <https://www.brecbannoch.org/book>

St Patrick's Ladies Afternoon

St Peter's Parish invite you to a Ladies Afternoon in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 12th March from 1 – 5 pm.** Tickets £5. BYOB and snacks. There will be Bingo, a Raffle and Music. To book a ticket please phone Jacqueline on 07591 970069. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thank you.

The Heart's Hunger: A Reflective Journey Through Lent

Lent is a good time to listen to the longings within, what our hearts hunger for, to consider the things we need to sustain us and nourish us on our journey. This series of Lent reflections starts on Ash Wednesday (22nd February) and runs until the Easter week. A new guided audio reflection is made available for each week in Lent to listen to in your own time. This will also be sent to you in written form, along with other resources which you can dip into during times of reflection throughout the week (Scripture, poetry, art, spiritual writing etc). The aim is to create flexible material you can use in the time you have, which allows you to stay with what is standing out for you on your journey. To register visit <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/the-hearts-hunger-a-reflective-journey-through-lent/> or contact Susan Mansfield on info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk or 07803 620038. The Lent Retreat costs £30 – you can book and pay securely on the website, or email for more payment options. In these difficult times, “gift” places are available for those who would find it hard to pay, please get in touch for more information. Any donations received will go towards making the retreat possible for others.

Finding Sustenance: A Quiet Day for Lent

Saturday 25th March, 10.30am-4pm, Church Centre, Christ Church, 6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh. Cost £30 (£20 concession) includes lunch

Does your cup overflow, or does it more often feel like you're living off scraps that fall from the table? What helps sustain us if we find ourselves in a dry and weary land? How we find what we need to nourish us on our journey? This Quiet Day is an invitation to take time out, to pause and drink a cup of cool water at the well, and draw closer to the one who is our constant companion. The day will draw on a mixture of reflective approaches and creative material including Scripture, art, poetry and music, and will include guided reflections and individual quiet time. The price includes lunch, coffee and cake. It is designed to complement the online Lent series, The Heart's Hunger, so people can participate in both or either one. Register here: <https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/finding-sustenance-a-quiet-day-for-lent/> or email info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk. No one should be deterred from taking part on grounds of cost, please get in touch for more information.

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre

We are delighted again this year to run an online Lent retreat and to provide a free App and free booklets to those that would like them. Retreat details and how to get the booklets can be seen here: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent23.html>
(You can view the retreat on www.onlineprayer.net/saints)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2023 We are pleased to confirm dates for Marriage Preparation courses in 2023. Each course will consist of an evening in-person session, one evening zoom and one 3-hour workshop, which will be held in the Diocesan centre or Cathedral Hall, depending on numbers. It's worth noting for our couples that the first session will not be available via Zoom for the time being as we felt that in-person yields greater connection and fruit. Couples should be directed

to register via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, or by using this link [Diocese of Paisley | MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY REGISTRATION FORM | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](#)

The cost for the course per couple is £30 which includes an information pack, CTS booklet 'Cherish your wedding' and refreshments during the workshop. Once couples have registered we will contact them directly regarding attendance at the course and will send them a certificate of completion.

APRIL

Part 1: Wednesday 12th April 7.00pm - 8.30pm, in person, Theology of the Body

Part 2: Wednesday 19th April 7.00pm - 8.30pm, via Zoom, NFP and the Family

Part 3: Saturday 29th April 10.00am - 1.00pm, in-person, Communication Workshop

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Part 1: Wednesday 9th August 7.00pm - 8.30pm, in person, Theology of the Body

Part 2: Wednesday 16th August 7.00pm - 8.30pm, via Zoom, NFP and the Family

Part 3: Saturday 26 August 10.00am - 1.00pm, in-person, Communication Workshop