

DUNKELD NEWS

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Called to focus on a real respect for life

Each year, around the Feast of the Visitation of our Lady, the Catholic Church in Scotland celebrates the Day for Life, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage, and in every condition.

Human life is a sacred and precious gift from God and must be treated with the utmost respect. This is true at every moment of life, from its first beginnings to its natural death. In the womb, we grow and develop as full human beings, not as potential

human beings. We read in the Old Testament: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I sanctified you." (Jeremiah 1:5).

The Day for Life 2017 has a particular poignancy and significance. This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in the United Kingdom. Since the Act was passed in the UK more than nine million unborn children have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. Indeed, the World Health Organisation, an agency of the UN, has stated that abortion is the



leading cause of death worldwide, ending the lives of more than 40 million children each year.

On the road to the priesthood



On Pentecost Sunday, a group of 4th Year seminarians at St Mary's College, Oscott, were accepted as Candidates for Holy Orders. Among them was Andrew Marshall, a seminarian for the diocese of Dunkeld. During the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Doyle of Northampton, Andrew was officially accepted as a candidate by the Church, a major milestone in his formation, and God-willing, will be ordained as deacon in December and priest next summer.

The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights. Without that right all other rights are lost. At present, human life in the womb is not well protected, leaving unborn babies at risk of losing their lives to abortion, and mothers to the damage of abortion. Vulnerable people such as the disabled, elderly and frail are increasingly in danger from pressures to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Campaigners have been relentless in pursuing their aim of introducing such laws. Worryingly, there is a broad coalition and considerable political support for extending the threats to life, including extending abortion to birth for any reason. Even more worryingly, as the culture of death has grown, the right to conscience is also becoming increasingly eroded.

In recent weeks new figures from a report by the Scottish Government's Information and Statistics Division have shown that the number of women having abortions because their unborn babies have disabilities has increased. The report states that a "possible factor" in the rise could be increased screening for Down's Syndrome.

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE: News, views and coming events from around the diocese

Fr Tom Shields takes on Catholic Education role



Bishop Stephen has appointed the Rev. Dr Thomas Shields PhB STL PhD. to the important post of Vicar Episcopal for Education for Dunkeld Diocese, in succession to Mgr Ken McCaffrey.

Fr Tom will be responsible for all activities and personnel relating to Catholic Education, the Diocesan Primary Advisor, Secondary Advisor, Church representatives and pastoral and spiritual support and formation services for Catholic Schools. This role includes relations with Head Teachers, teaching staff and parents.

Announcing the appointment, Bishop Stephen said, "I thank Fr Tom for agreeing to embrace this task and continue to thank Mgr McCaffrey for his support and work in the past for our Catholic Education institutions. Fr Tom will begin his ministry in earnest once the schools return after the summer break."

"He is eminently qualified for this post with his academic and pastoral background and be able to fulfil this ministry of support in the diocese for Catholic Education with distinction."

Fr Tom Shields is seen here delivering a keynote address at the Annual Retreat for Readers and Eucharist Ministers at St John's High School, Dundee. Bishop Stephen and Mary O'Duffin also spoke at the event which saw the recommissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for service in their parish and school communities.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Eddie Mahoney

Fr Gregory Ummuna joins Bishop at Oxford based bioethics centre

The Anscombe Centre was set up by the joint hierarchies of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland as a research centre into problems in Bioethics. It is situated in the City of Oxford.

Bishop Stephen was previously appointed as the Scottish Hierarchy representative along with other appointees from universities and various agencies in medical and health care.

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is named in memory of the Catholic Moral Philosopher Elizabeth Anscombe (1919-2001) and it engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research bringing to bear on those questions principles of natural law, virtue ethics, and the teaching of the Catholic Church, and seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice.

At the recommendation of Bishop Stephen, the Scottish Bishops have now also appointed Fr Gregory Ummuna, St Stephen's, Blairgowrie, to serve with the Bishop a Board Member of the Anscombe Trust.



Bishop Stephen congratulated Fr Gregory on his appointment. "I am glad that he is able to use his expertise in ethics and medicine to the best advantage of the Church. Fr Gregory will, of course, remain as Parish Priest of St Stephen's, Blairgowrie, St Mary's, Coupar Angus and St Luan's, Alyth.



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The Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson

Fr Gregory Murphy is new chaplain to two universities

Bishop Stephen has announced the appointment of Fr Gregory Murphy OP as Chaplain to the Catholics at the Universities of the Dundee and Abertay, as from the beginning of September of this year, in succession to Fr Michael Carrie. He will be assisted in his work by Deacon Charles Hendry and two of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr Gregory, a Dominican priest who grew up in Dunkeld Diocese, has extensive past experience of University life as student, postgraduate and also of Chaplaincy Ministry.

In addition to his new duties, Fr Gregory will continue also as Chaplain to HMP Castle Huntly and as assistant to Fr Jim Walls in Douglas and Fintry.



We only have to look to Iceland to witness the deeply tragic consequences of such developments, where since 2012, 100 per cent of Icelandic babies found to have Down's Syndrome have been aborted. Or Denmark, where, since 2014, 98 per cent of Danish women carrying babies with Down's Syndrome have had an abortion. In Britain that figure is 90 per cent. At a meeting of the United Nations in Geneva just last month, 21-year-old Charlotte Fien, who has Down's Syndrome, made an inspiring plea to delegates calling on them to oppose the targeting of infants in the womb who have the condition. She said: "We have an extra chromosome... we are still human beings. Don't be afraid of us... Please don't try to kill us all off." She received a standing ovation.

Closer to home, we have heard repeated calls for increased provision of late-term abortions in Scotland. We must defend the right of medical professionals and health care workers to consciously object to taking part in such procedures as set out in The 1967 Abortion Act. Indeed, only last month an opinion poll showed that most Scots, 60 per cent, would like to see time limits for abortions reduced. Among women the figure is 70 per cent. Moreover, 61 per cent of Scots opposed any moves towards making it mandatory for doctors to have to participate in abortion procedures against their will.

These findings are remarkable, yet not surprising. This public support must not be marginalised or cast aside amidst the demands of lobbyists seeking to remove all rights and safeguards from healthcare professionals. This year's Day for Life is not just an occasion to reflect on the sacredness of human life but an opportunity to renew a commitment to the pro-life movement; to protect the most vulnerable at every stage, and in every condition.

Pope St John Paul II once said that every human life is "unique and unrepeatable". In this anniversary year, each of us can ask of him or herself a simple question: What unique and significant action can I do to help promote and protect the rights of the unborn child?

Fr Samuel is appointed Dunkeld's new Director of Youth Formation



Fr Samuel Alabi, (Missionary Society of St Paul in Nigeria), MSP, has been appointed as the Director of Youth Formation in Dunkeld Diocese. He was ordained in June 2008, and is presently Assistant Priest of St Columba's, Cupar in Fife working with Canon Pat McNally.

His appointment follows the resignation earlier this summer of Dunkeld's Youth Officer, Mr Frankie McGuire. Bishop Stephen

paid tribute to Mr McGuire's years of service. "We would wish to thank Frankie in a particular way, for the wonderful work he has done for us in the Diocese over the last six years in fostering faith and service among the young people and for his organisation of various pilgrimages and events including the World Youth Day in 2016."

"Frankie will be returning to full-time teaching of Religious Education in St John's Academy, Perth, and we wish him every blessing and good wish as he makes this transition back to school."

Bishop Stephen also expressed his gratitude to Fr Samuel as he embarks on his important new role working with young Catholics from across the diocese.

Responding, Fr Samuel said, "I am very much looking forward to working in collaboration with all those involved in the faith formation of the youth, accompanying them as they deepen their faith and leading them to a real and loving encounter with Jesus Christ".

+ Stephen Robson

Bishop Stephen Robson,
Bishop of Dunkeld, Bishop
Promoter of the Day for Life

Seeking to improve catechesis for children on the autism spectrum

A research study is being carried out to discover how the diocese can make better provision for children who are on the autism spectrum.

An estimated 300 Catholics in the Diocese of Dunkeld are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Every individual is affected differently, but for many, attending Mass or catechism classes can present particular challenges. These can be caused by sensory issues (for example noise can be physically painful), problems with unfamiliar environments and routines, and difficulties in social situations. In addition, autism is often accompanied by learning difficulties which vary from mild to very severe.

Deacon Arthur Grant, who serves the parishes of St Columba's, Cupar and St Fillan's, Newport-on-Tay, is inviting parents and carers of children with autism to share their experiences as part of a research exercise supervised by the Maryvale Institute in

Birmingham. In addition, clergy, teachers and parish catechists - whether they have experience of autism or not - are being invited to complete a simple questionnaire in order to establish what expertise already exists and what more needs to be done so that children with autism can learn about their faith and grow in their relationship with God.

You are invited to give your own response to Arthur's survey by 31st August. You can download the questionnaire from www.catholicautismproject.uk - or less formally you can comment on the Facebook page (search Facebook for Catholic Autism Research Project).

It is hoped that the research will support the Diocese in fulfilling its obligation to ensure 'that catechetical instruction is given also to those who are physically or mentally impeded, insofar as their condition permits'

(Code of Canon Law, 777.4)



Vickie Sutherland, pictured here with Deacon Arthur Grant, is a Catholic mother of two primary-age sons, the elder one being on the autism spectrum. Vicki is an autism campaigner and activist, and is setting up a new charity called DASH (Dundee Autism Support Hub).

www.dundeeautismsupporthub.co.uk

St Paul's RC Academy's young scientists help strike gold at international gathering



RC Academy (Albert Brown, Daryl Sime and Bartosz Witkowski) forming Scotland's first ever high school iGEM team.

They came up with the idea of creating a system to help prevent Cholera and Shigellosis, diseases of contaminated drinking water, from spreading in the developing world by interfering with RNA processes they inhibited the target bacterium and stopped it from working, which should render it harmless.

As well as achieving the Gold Award the pupils were nominated in four categories effectively placing them in the top three in the world for these areas - Best Presentation, Best Poster, Best Composite Parts and Best Individual parts. These parts are the DNA that they engineered and submitted to the iGem registry.

Dundee pupils took part in the 2016 International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Jamboree - held in Boston every year. The event invites students to tackle a real world problem by designing

and building a new device or system from a kit of biological parts.

Pupils from the city's Grove Academy and were accompanied by three from St Paul's

The pupils worked over the summer in the labs with the University Advisors and Students. When they returned to school in August they continued to work on the project in their spare time.

Kind company and conversations in faith

Dunkeld's role for new RE Development Coordinator

When I am asked about my new post in Dunkeld Diocese, as Religious Education Development Co-ordinator, I often think of it as a journey of Faith. Partly as it involves me in journeying to one of the loveliest parts of Scotland on a weekly basis, but also because once there, my new role involves me in visiting areas in Cupar, Alloa, Blairgowrie, Crieff, Montrose, Arbroath, Dunblane, Perth and Dundee and a myriad of places in between. Dunkeld Diocese is surely located in the heart of the Scottish countryside and is a place of contrasts, coastal, city, rural, village and town. It also demonstrates part of the heart of the Catholic Church in Scotland: warm, generous and striving to strengthen the bonds of Christian Faith.

My own family life has taken a new turning, too, with three grown-up sons making their own way in the world and the challenges of an empty nest. My husband Michael and I, have always liked to have faith-filled challenge in our lives - and so while he continues his work as Assistant Headmaster in Glasgow, I work in Dunkeld's Corner of the Lord's Vineyard, and at weekends we catch up and compare notes. It makes both of us aware of the gifts and graces in our lives, and reminds us of the great pilgrimage of life with its unexpected and sometimes surprising twists and turns. Such a journey leads to moments of great challenge, and deep satisfaction and joy in the service of the Lord.

Bishop Stephen, above all, as part of my developing friendship and service with the people of Dunkeld, asked me to visit schools, parishes and communities and learn their story. In these pastoral visits, the story of their lives, their challenges and their faith is helping us to discern how I could be of help to them, how we can work together and accompany each other in our shared journey of faith. It is with this view I have been spending time in parishes, schools and with diverse groups in order to have a sense of where we are in the great journey together - our shared pilgrimage of Faith. We are still discovering how best we should travel together as we encounter

changing weather of society, developing needs of our young people and the diverse needs in our parishes.

We are a small but friendly diocese, despite the challenges of distance and diversity. Perhaps because of this when I meet with Head Teachers, staff, clergy and parishioners, catechists and parents, I am so impressed by their openness, willingness to collaborate and the common sense of purpose. The smallest of parishes are striving to live out their Christian vocation, and to develop and grow and improve, and it is heartening to join communities for Morning Prayer, Mass and tea and conversation.

Our Diocesan Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers from across the Diocese was a great witness to faith and service. The well attended retreat opportunities across the diocese are sure signs of growth in the life of faith.

Over the coming months, I am looking forward to engaging with schools and parishes. Whether engaging in dialogue, sharing of ideas, development opportunities or workshops, it will be wonderful to labour together to establish a shared vision of Religious Education and Catechetics that will support and value all the communities and generations of our diocesan community.



*Mary O'Duffin
Dunkeld's R.E. Development Co-ordinator*

If you have thoughts of challenges that affect your parish or school in the area of Religious Education or Catechetics, do write to me at mary.oduffin@dunkeld-diocese.org.uk. Or if you would like me to meet with parish, parental or teaching staff groups on related issues, do get in touch.

Our faith journey in the Diocese of Dunkeld is one of companionship and conversation. Let us join in this pilgrimage together - with great hope and joy.

Taking the right path...



Some of this year's teachers, with Bishop Stephen and Mgr Ken McCaffrey, being presented with their certificates for a new course called 'Setting out on the Road', organised by the Scottish Catholic Education Service and Dunkeld. PHOTO - Eddie Mahoney



Drama and art brings down the final curtain at the Ninian Institute

After five years, the St Ninian Institute located at the Diocesan Centre, Lawside Road, Dundee will be closing down. The institute, which had been set up with the support and backing of the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, aimed to bring tertiary Catholic Education to Scotland. It had also hoped to become a centre of excellence for religious art, music and drama.

Announcing the decision to close the Institute, citing other financial pressures on the diocese, Bishop Stephen paid tribute to Mr David Meiklejohn who has been its Director since 2012.

“I would like to thank all of those who have supported this initiative and who have provided and benefitted from the successful conferences, retreats, lectures and arts events experienced throughout the past five years.”

Bishop Stephen added, “From now onward we will regroup our pastoral services primarily in the convent building, the central part of our pastoral centre, and use the curial building to its maximum potential”.

In a statement, David Meiklejohn said, “it has been a real privilege working with so many wonderful people in the Diocese and beyond. Their level of dedication, support and good humour is both exceptional and inspirational.” Mr Meiklejohn also had a special word of thanks the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters. “The Sisters made every effort to ensure that the comfort and well-being of all those visiting was given a high priority. It’s good to know that great work of the Sisters will be continuing at the Diocesan Centre.”

With the recent appointment of Canon Kevin Golden as Director of the Pastoral

Centre, now based based along with the Curial Offices in St Joseph’s Convent, it is expected that a range of options will be considered for the ‘upper’ building on the site - known to many as their old school, Lawside Academy.

Recently upgraded, and offering excellent conference, catering and residential functions, the IHM Sisters have been promoting its use as a Retreat Centre for lay organisations, schools and parishes across the diocese and wider community. Sr Mary Delphine continues to appeal to groups in the diocese to contact her with queries about making the best possible use of these excellent facilities.

The final events at the St Ninian Institute included an exhibition of works by Dundee Artist and Musician Maggie T Ferrie (pictured above). A lead singer in Dundee’s Swizzle Sisters, Maggie is a former pupil of Lawside Academy in Dundee and was ex-

cited by the opportunity to be presenting her work in the building which was her old school. One of the first Art enthusiasts attending was Bishop Vincent Logan, former Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld.

Stephen Callaghan’s play, *The Margaret Sinclair Story*, was performed at the Institute earlier this summer. Previously performed at the Edinburgh Fringe and at Glasgow’s AGAP Festival, the Dundee production featured a new actress, Dundee’s Rachel Murray. Rachel had a very personal interpretation to bring to the part - she is a direct descendant of the Venerable Margaret.

Another Lawside FP, Blairgowrie parishioner Larry Scrimgeour, brought his exhibition of Celtic Design to the Centre (below).

Previously on view in the Scottish Parliament building at Holyrood, Larry was equally proud to be exhibiting within the walls of his Alma Mater at Lawside School.



Marists will continue to inspire after 157 years in Dundee



Brother Douglas is pictured with Bishop Stephen Robson and Brother Brendan (Marist Provincial), together with Mgr Aldo Angelosanto, Mgr Ken McCaffrey and Lord Provost Bob Duncan, and staff and pupils from St Paul's Academy and St John's High School

Ten years ago, in January, 2007, two members of staff from Lawside Academy in Dundee travelled to India to establish contact with the Marist Brothers in Mangamanuthu and Trichy. Their aim was to find ways of offering assistance to the Brothers in their work with the Dalits in the village of Mangamanuthu and the Rainbow Project, set up to care for mothers and children suffering from HIV.

Since that initial visit, a relationship was established and help was offered in a great many areas, thanks to the wonderful cooperation of the staff, pupils, parents and friends of the two Catholic secondary schools in Dundee (St John's RC High

School and St Paul's RC Academy) together with other Scottish primary schools, to support the students in the Brothers' schools in India, to build houses for local people, and to set up care for mothers and children suffering from HIV / AIDS.

A Mass was held in Ss Peter and Paul's RC Church in Dundee to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this important project. It was also an opportunity for those involved in the project, the Diocese of Dunkeld, and the Catholic schools in Dundee, to thank Brother Douglas Welsh for his work in the diocese and the schools during the past thirty years. Bishop Stephen Robson presided at the Mass and presented the Dun-

keld Diocesan medal to Brother Douglas, in the presence of the Lord Provost of Dundee, and the local City Councillor.

Fiona McLagan, the head teacher of St John's High School, and Theresa Little, the head teacher of St Paul's Academy, were present, along with the living former head teachers of both schools. There were also many members of staff from the two secondary schools and the primary schools involved in the Global Citizenship project, friends, members of Brother Douglas' family, together with Gerry Devlin and Angela Ferrier from the Kinharvie Institute, Glasgow, and Aisling Demaison, Director of Marist Education for the Province of West-Central Europe.

Brother Brendan Geary, Provincial, who taught in Dundee from 1982-1985, was also present. Says Br Brendan, "It was a wonderful, heartwarming, and very Marist occasion. Many people remained afterwards for a reception where they were able to meet, share memories, and look forward to ways of continuing the Marist spirit in the schools, and to ensure that the project can continue to benefit the people in India and the staff and young people in Dundee".

The Mass, in Ss Peter & Paul's, Dundee, also marked the end of a remarkable 157 years of Marist service in the city. One that will continue to inspire *ad multos annos*.



Musicians from St Paul's Academy and St John's High School, Dundee, combine in celebration.

Joint effort for Aleppo's children

Inspired by television footage of the plight of the people of Aleppo, St Joseph's parish, Dundee, decided to try to raise funds for a classroom for Syrian child refugees, using SCIAF's Real Gifts scheme.

Fr Leszek told Dunkeld News, "Combining their efforts with their neighbouring parish, St Andrew's Cathedral, they held table top sales, received anonymous donations and finally held a joint parish quiz night took the fund raising over the finishing line, for not just one classroom, but two, with the wonderful sum of £2250. The parish school, St Joseph's Primary, joined in and used the real gifts scheme to provide school books for the children using the classrooms."



Proud P7 pupils at St Bride's, Monifieth

Catechism lessons over - it was time to receive a personal copy of YOUCAT - also available as an app for your phone!

Back row (L-R): George Haggerty P7 Catechist, Canon Kevin Golden Parish Priest, Paul Curran, Callum Blues, Father Michael Carrie Assistant Priest.

Front Row (L-R): Clara Laing, Kady Brown, Amy McMaster, Appoline McEleavy, and Daniel Mc Kenzie.



Family focus at Feast of St Mary Magdalene's, Perth

Strawberries and cream followed the morning Mass celebrated by Mgr Hendry at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Craigie, in Perth. The occasion marked the parish's patronal feast day - bringing together three generations of the parish's Martin family.

Altar Server, Rosie (centre) poses with Mgr Hendry, and Rosie's sister Ela, together with mum Sarah and gran Mary and great Aunt Tricia.

PHOTO courtesy - Norma Giulianotti

M AROUND THE PARISHES

First communions at St Fergus', Forfar



Fr Tobias Okoro with (L-R) Fergus Griffin, Julia Grosman, Aleksander Sikora and Anne Griffin at St Fergus', Forfar.

Priestly service

Fr Mike was born in Edinburgh and attended the Mill Hill Missionaries Junior Seminary in Lochwinnoch, Scotland. Later he studied with the Mill Hill Missionaries, Roosendaal, Holland and completed at the Missionary Institute, Mill Hill, London. Fr Mike was ordained in Edinburgh in 1977, by Cardinal Gray and, after a short time in Livingston, Fr Mike's mission took him to Brazil where he served for over 30 years.

Returning to Scotland in 2008, and after a short time as assistant priest at High Valleyfield, Alva, and Tullibody, he became Parish Priest at St Bernadette's where he is also the Dean of St Mungo's Deanery; Diocesan representative for education on the local council; Diocesan Director for Mission Awareness in Dunkeld Diocese, Diocesan Director of Missio and one of the Diocesan Consultors.

Photo Courtesy - Fr Mike Freyne



Celebrating Fr Mike Freyne's 40th anniversary



Headteacher Mrs Linda Forsyth, parish priest Canon Kevin Golden with staff and pupils of St Thomas', Arbroath, celebrating First Communion Day

PHOTO - courtesy of Eddie Mahoney



The Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin will take place on Sunday 3rd September at 3pm. This year the pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and our country will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Archbishop Tartaglia will celebrate Mass and Bishop Brian McGee will preach.

TAYSIDE ASSOCIATION OF ORGANISTS

7.30pm, 26th September

Carnoustie Parish Church

A few members will be playing music of their choice, on instruments of their choice! Informal.

7.30pm, 26th October

St Matthew's, Perth

Talk about the hymns and tunes of Archbishop William Maclagan, whose hymns include Palms of Glory and Hills of the North.

7.30pm, 22nd November

Chaplaincy, University of Dundee

Chris Bragg, Music coordinator at the University of St Andrews will give an illustrated talk and also play on the Organ Reform Movement.

Free admission. Refreshments. All welcome.

Your Special Invitation

Scottish National Pilgrimage
of the
Catholic Grandparents Association
Carfin Pilgrimage Centre
Sunday 20th August 2017
2.30pm
All Welcome

Silver Jubilee in Perth



At a Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priestly service, Fr Bogdan was joined in the sanctuary by Fr Leszek Wicaszek, parish priest at St Joseph's Dundee and priestly companion for over 24 years, as well as the city's Mgr Drysdale and Mgr Hendry.

Fr Bogdan paid tribute to the support he has enjoyed from his brother priests during his ministry in Perth, since arriving in 2014, and to the warm welcome extended by the whole parish.

At a presentation in the hall afterwards, Miss Carol Gillespie, chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, speaking in Polish and English, expressed the parish's deep appreciation of his service.

Eternal Word Television Network brings the Gospels to our screen

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) - has transformed the value of television in so many homes. For one Dundeld News reader, an early adopter, the first fruit of their purchase was very practical in terms of sharing the Faith. In those days, an over-large satellite dish was required to receive the correct signal. This led to probing questions from a neighbour as to what on earth they were watching. He was somewhat dumbfounded when it was explained that it was for tuning in to a dedicated Catholic TV station!

"Being able to watch daily Mass from the chapel of Our Lady and the Angels, in Alabama, meant that we could regularly hear quality homilies and make spiritual communions together after work. On Sundays, we could even join with Mother Angelica's community of nuns, at their majestic monastery chapel, for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we also received intellectual stimulation through the theological discussions, taking place around a low coffee table, on the Franciscan University Presents show."

EWTN is not yet available on UK Freesat or Virgin; but can be viewed at Channel 589 on Sky; on Amazon Fire and ROKU; and also online - <https://www.ewtn.co.uk>

- Coming Events -

St Joseph's Retreat Centre
Marriage and Family Encounter

Day Retreat
Supporting Marriage and Family Life

Open to families, to those preparing for marriage, and all who help support married life today

10am-4pm, September 2, 2017
24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY

PRICE - £5 each - (under 16 free) - Bring and Buy - Cake and Candy - Stalls
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH - refreshments provided

Saturday, September 23, 2017

RETREAT DAY
FOR
GRANDPARENTS

St Joseph's Retreat Centre
24-28 Lawside Road
Dundee
DD3 6XY

Call 01382 225453 to book

10am-4pm
Please bring a packed lunch

The family needs you
The church needs you
Society needs you
We need you

Youth worker's double celebration



Charis McCrosson (17), a parishioner at St Fillan's, Crieff, was presented with two awards for her hard work in the community.

The first was the Caritas Award, an award given to S6 pupils in Catholic schools following a year of study and faith-based commitments in both school and faith communities. Although not attending a Catholic school, Charis was nominated and supported for this award by her parish in recognition of her huge commitment to work with young people in the Church

The second certificate was the Saltire Award, a Scottish voluntary award which recognises different amounts of hours spent volunteering.

The Saltire award was issued to Charis upon reaching 500 hours of voluntary work, particularly working for the new Youth Commission in Dunkeld Diocese.

St Bernadette's Primary honours teachers' 80 years of faithful service



Bishop Stephen Robson was the main celebrant along with Mgr Ken McCaffrey, Mgr Charles Hendry, Mgr Martin Drysdale, Fr Mike Freyne, Fr Brian McLean and Fr Jim High, at a retirement Mass which was held in St Bernadette's RC Church, Tullibody, to celebrate the contribution of two teachers who have each served the school faithfully for the past 40 years. Mrs Anne Allan & Ms Liz Philliben were presented with cards and flowers by the pupils

BISHOP'S DIARY

AUGUST, 2017

9th-13th August, 2017
On Retreat

Sunday 20th August
2.30 - 5.30pm - Carfin Shrine - Catholic Grandparents Association - Holy Mass (3pm)

Tuesday 22nd August
11am - St Mary's Care Home - Management Meeting

Wednesday 23rd August
10.30am - Meeting with SCES Director
2pm - Safeguarding Meeting
7pm - Diocesan UCM Mass and Talk, St John the Baptist, Perth

30th August - 6th September
Pastoral Visit to the Catholic Religious of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Final Profession of Sister Kosia Maria in Nigeria

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Wednesday 6th September
Bishops' Conference - Gillis Centre, Edinburgh

Thursday 7th September
7pm - Apostleship of the Sea Mass
St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen

9th-12th September
UCM Pilgrimage to Knock

Wednesday 13th September
S6 Conference - Kilgraston School
Bridge of Earn

Thursday 14th September
7pm - Apostleship of the Sea Mass
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Saturday 16th September
11am - Council of Laity
Pastoral Centre, Dundee

Sunday 17th September
9.30am - Mass and Confirmations
St Fillan's, Crieff

18th-20th September
Apostleship of the Sea Meetings, London

Wednesday 20th September
4pm - Catholic Headteachers' Meeting
Pastoral Centre

Thursday 21st September
9.45am - SCIAF Meeting, Glasgow
7pm - Vocations Mass,
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Sunday 24th September
2.30pm - Lourdes Reunion
- Ss Leonard & Fergus, Dundee.
4.30pm - Lourdes Committee Meeting

Thursday 28th September
7pm - Apostleship of the Sea Mass
St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Friday 29th September
9am - 'Setting Out on the Road' Course for
Catholic Teachers - Pastoral Centre, Dundee

Having played at St Peter's in Rome and as a parish organist in Dundee for more than 35 years, Kevin Veal has now been appointed President of the Scottish Federation of Organists ...

PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS

Having played the organ since 1960, Kevin says he feels "extremely honoured" to be assigned such a prestigious musical position. With more than 200 members, the Scottish Federation of Organists (SFO) includes all local organ societies in the country. Explains Kevin: "The SFO supports the local societies in social and professional matters, and it has developed the Scottish Church Organist Training Scheme, provides advice on organist salaries, and oversees grants to encourage those wishing to play the organ. Formed in the 1950s, the SFO's Past Presidents include Dennis Townhill, the renowned composer of responses for Anglican evensong and choirmaster and organist at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh for more than 30 years; also Dr Herrick Bunney, composer and choirmaster of St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh. Kevin says he is "privileged and humbled" to follow in such famous footsteps.

Inspired by the "wonderful sound and beautiful playing" of Tom Flanagan, the organist of St Joseph's Church, Dundee, 14-year-old Kevin took up the instrument under Tom's tutelage.

And in 1969 Tom played the organ at Kevin's marriage to Monica. Kevin said: Tom's touch was masterful: he made the notes 'sing'. The tone of the German Walcker organ is incredibly sonorous. It creates a sound which can touch people's hearts and I have spent decades striving to make the most of the beautiful organ."

Both Kevin and Monica are lifelong parishioners of St Joseph's Church, Dundee, where Kevin has been the organist for 35 years. In addition, for more than four decades Kevin has been Musical Director of Dundee's Cecilian Choir.

He said: "The choir has performed extensively in Dundee and Tayside, plus Iona Abbey, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, in Dublin; Dundee's twin city of Orleans, as



Outgoing President Brigitte Harris presents Kevin Veal with the President's Medal

well as in Belgium and the Holy Land".

"The combination of magnificent cathedrals and other powerful, poignant settings (we performed at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres), plus glorious voices and inspirational music, creates unforgettable and emotional experiences. And playing the organ in St Peter's is probably the highlight of my musical career."

Kevin adds, "JS Bach's 'Bist Du Bei Mir' is my favourite piece of music because it evokes peace, calm and is suitable for a whole range of occasions."

On his appointment as President of the Scottish Federation of Organists at the annual conference, in May, Kevin said: "It's an honour to take on the role and I am determined to support our members. Inevitably numbers of organists in Scotland are dropping as churches of all denominations are closing, but I believe encouraging and introducing the next generation to the king of instruments will always be a priority for the Federation."

A father of four, his elder daughter, Mary, has followed in her father's musical footsteps. A graduate of The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, she is now a music therapist and organist at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. Kevin and Monica also have five grandchildren aged four to 16 years old and he adds: "None have yet taken up the organ, but I live in hope!"

Ever busy, Kevin was Sheriff at Tayside, Central and Fife for 21 years before retiring in 2014. He still sits in the Sheriffdom of Tayside, Central and Fife, plus the Sheriffdom of Grampian Highland and Islands when required and adds, "playing the organ keeps me sane."

Passionate about the power of music, he says: "Whatever the genre. Music moves people. It can prompt tears of joy or heartbreak. It can unite a community and inspire praise of God. It can comfort those who mourn and help people remember their loved ones. It's celebratory, memorable and everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy it."

Perth's scripture tapestry helps pass the faith to a new generation



Young Catholics in Perth, have contributed to a needlework project which will bring Scripture alive in the hearts of the next generation. The idea was the inspiration of textile conservationist, Sophie Younger, a parishioner at St John the Baptist's who was responding to an appeal for ideas to engage our young people more in parish life.

Working together with the Perth Catholic Youth Project and CARITAS volunteers from St John's Academy, Mrs Younger, brought in her team of professionals to create the needlecraft framework to support the young peoples' ideas.

"The project soon spread to involve other in the parish. It became a labour of love and of faith", she said. "Old and young working together. The idea was to create a large embroidered quilt, full of shields or pouches, filled with materials for each of the Church's seasons - indeed each Sunday of the year according to its cycle of readings. The completed project is designed to provide an excellent resource for the Children's Liturgy.

"During the planning stages, the youngsters sourced biblical images and symbols, found around their church and beyond, to illustrate the scriptures. It was their task to paint the shields".

With school holidays and exams, the project seemed to fall into abeyance until Perthshire designer, Aleksandra Mołoń, volunteered to step in. Aleksandra is student at Perth College (UHI).

The first of the four planned colourful panels is now complete and ready for use. Anne Mitchell, Children's Liturgy coordinator at St John's, was delighted to see this first stage of the project reach fruition.



"There has been a great amount of work and commitment behind this project, not least from young people".

"The simple but bold designs make the ideal starting points for telling the scripture stories and the very practical pouches they conceal will store a treasure trove of resources, supporting the work we do bring the Liturgy of the Word to young people."



(Top left)
Sophie Younger working with members of the Perth Catholic Youth Project planning the quilt design.

(Top right)
Aleksandra Mołoń at work on the shields.

(Left)
Detail of the Annunciation and Visitation shield.

(Above)
Sophie Younger, project coordinator and Anne Mitchell, Children's Liturgy group.





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Other refreshments and meals are also available details on request.

A warm welcome for Mother Teresa Nuns



PHOTO - Eddie Mahoney

A new convent of the Missionaries of Charity, also known as the Mother Teresa Nuns, has opened in Dundee.

Mr Veal said that their focus on the poor would guide the sisters in their work in Dundee.

Four sisters from the order's convent in Birmingham arrived in the city on Friday May 12, and Dunkeld's diocesan chancellor, Malcolm Veal said it was 'wonderful news' and the city would be blessed by their presence.

"They are based in St Anne's Cottage, in the grounds of the diocese offices, while they look at the city and see where their particular charism will be best suited. If we look at the Index of Multiple Deprivation for Scotland some of the areas of greatest need in the whole country are in Dundee, so they are really needed."

The congregation was established in 1950 by St Teresa of Calcutta, and now consists of more than 4,500 religious sisters across the world. Their members adhere to the vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and a fourth vow, to give 'wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor.'

Explaining how they came to Dundee, Mr Veal said, "Bishop Stephen had written to the Order's local Mother Superior a couple of years ago asking her to consider sending some of her sisters to Dundee. She

came up and talked to us and went away and thought about it and decided to send some," he said, "and we are very fortunate."

Bishop Stephen introduced the Sisters to the diocese after a Mass at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee on May 13th, the centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima.

The establishment of a Missionaries of Charity convent in Dundee will be the Order's third in Scotland joining those in Glasgow and Edinburgh. They are also part of a small revival of religious orders in Dundee—including the Nigerian Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ—that are an increasingly visible presence in the city.

Lunch is in a good cause at the Cathedral



Cathedral parishioners, Dundee come together each week for a Mad Hatter's lunch in the Cathedral Hall - all proceeds go to charity

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Closure of Wellburn Home, Dundee



In June, Bishop Stephen wrote a letter which was published in all parishes outlining the reasons for the closure of Wellburn Home.

“As you are no doubt aware the Little Sisters of the Poor, who had cared for the elderly in our Diocese and especially in St Joseph’s Convent, Wellburn, since 1861 decided that they could no longer continue to provide adequate care to the elderly residents in Wellburn Home. Wanting to try and alleviate the trauma of these residents moving to other care homes and all of the upset and chaos that would have gone with a closure at that time we tried to carry out the mission of the Little Sisters in very difficult circumstances.”

“It quickly became apparent that the building of Wellburn Home was completely inadequate for care of the elderly laid down by the statutory authorities. Accordingly we decided to build, if we could raise the finances from the bank, a new care home to provide 21st century care for our elderly loved ones.”

“However, the problems that have arisen since we purchased the Home have brought about a great deal of expenditure and investment – in fact over £500,000 – to try to bring some remedy to the inadequacies of the building.”

“However, the events of last week proved that the Home was totally inadequate for the high standard of care that we wish to give, and which the statutory authorities,

the Care Inspectorate and Health and Safety Executive demanded from us.”

“Towards the middle of last week the gas plant was condemned by the Gas Regulator and closed down as dangerous and the water supply to the Home was also deemed unsuitable for people in care. The next result was that we were given an ultimatum either to close voluntarily or be closed down by the statutory authorities. There was no choice here. The Home received the notice that it had to be decanted of residents within 72 hours as emergency procedures were brought into place. This meant the transfer of elderly and vulnerable residents to other care facilities and the future redundancy of our staff.”

“Whether or not we are able to raise finance from the banks for a new home, and this is doubtful now, the old Wellburn is closed for good and cannot reopen.

“What saddens us most is that the vulnerable elderly residents who were entrusted to the care of Wellburn have now suffered the additional trauma of being transferred to other care establishments. The concerns and frustrations of so many families has been apparent for all to see.”

“I, as Bishop, have the ultimate responsibility for these facilities as Chief Trustee of the Diocese, and I deeply regret the pain and anguish suffered by all concerned, both residents and their families and the staff who will now be out of work. We need to pray for all concerned.”

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