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POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2018

Come back to the Lord with all your heart

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

Bishop Stephen invites us all to heed to words of His Holiness, Pope Francis, in his message for Lent.

He invites the entire Church to experience a time of grace anew, with joy and in truth - in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

This scripture passage appears in Christ's preaching about the end of

time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

Pope Francis says, "They can appear as "snake charmers", who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them



Bishop Stephen Robson

for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!"

"False prophets can also be "charlatans", who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly "virtual" existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless!"

"These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised."

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World Day of Prayer for the Sick



PHOTO - Eddie Mahoney

Bishop Stephen celebrates Mass at the Immaculate Conception church, Lochee, with Mgr Aldo Angelosanta VG, Fr Mike Freyne MHM and Fr Michael Carrie - on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Cecilian Choir raises the roof in aid of funds for St Anthony's, Kirriemuir



The Cecilian Choir Dundee performed at Kirriemuir Town Hall in support of the local parish's efforts to raise fund for the reparation programme on their church. A recent building report carried out on St Anthony's, has identified several structural problems which require urgent attention. As a result, the Parish is engaged in a two-fold funding strategy: firstly, through staging local fund-raising events, and secondly, through applications to national trust funds, which support Places of Worship.

Parish Priest at St Anthony's, together with St Fergus Forfar, Fr Tobias Okoro,

said, "The fund-raising events are an indispensable part of the funding process since they demonstrate the Parish's willingness to help itself. We were extremely grateful to the Cecilian Choir."

Appearing with them on the night was guest artist, Sandy Ingram, retired Forfar Procurator Fiscal - current president of the Angus Strathspey and Reel Society.

"Thanks also to all our generous sponsors, and all those who supported the concert," said Fr Tobais, "the concert rasied a whopping sum of £5,357.68!"

Heritage Lottery Funds gets reparations at Blairgowrie off to a good start



Parishioners at St Stephen's in Blairgowrie have been worshiping in the nearby St Catharine's Episcopal Church while renovation continues on their own building.

Restoration work has started on the notable Pugin building thanks to a grant of £250,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Following preliminary work by the contractors to clear garden areas, put up scaffolding and identify the extent of dam-

age to the 180 year old church, significant progress is now being made on re-slating, replacing guttering, restoring the roof timbers, interior ceiling, walls and floors, and installing new lighting. Repairs to the two stained glass windows are also taking place.

Parish priest, Fr Gregory Umunna is looking forward to completion of the work which will give parishioners a building that is "warm, appropriately lit and structurally sound."

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Pope Francis continues, "In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?"

"More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations."

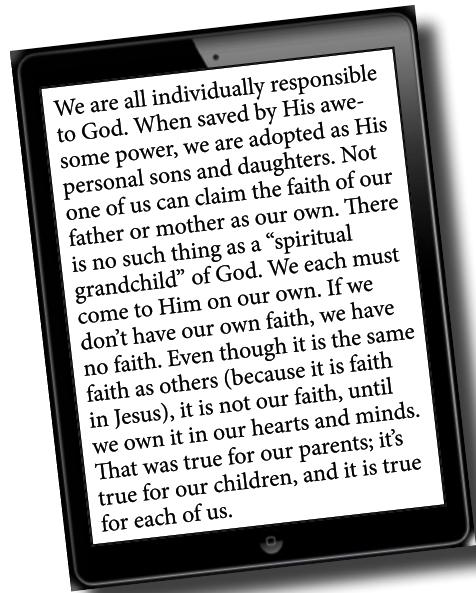
"Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death."

"Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeli Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal."

Mary O'Duffin



Preparing children for the Sacrament of Confirmation



Bishop Stephen has asked that we renew our approach to this wonderful Sacrament and plans to confirm all children in the Diocese at the Primary 7 stage. With his teaching, guidance and support, he hopes that families, communities and parishes will rediscover afresh the great gifts of the Holy Spirit, celebrating their own love of faith, as the young are anointed and called to live in the Joy of the Gospel. It has been a great privilege and joy to present and support the new Confirmation Resources to the Catholic Primary Schools around the Diocese. The encouragement from head-teachers, staff and clergy has been heart-warming and has shown the great desire to hand on the beauty and wisdom of our Catholic Faith.

Working together we hope that this new approach will build on the faith, wisdom and experience of our wonderful priests, teachers and catechists in a way that is suited to young people growing up in the 21st Century. The visual generation respond well to presentation of the Catholic faith through high quality visual images of the Sacramental journey. It is also hoped that the use of prayerful journaling will allow the young people to record what attracts and inspires them in Sacred Scripture and exploration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are opportunities for responding through art, prayers and conversation.

The preparation for the New Arrangements for Confirmation in the Diocese of Dunkeld will be made over the P6 and P7 stages. It is hoped that this approach will support a deeper and more personal heartfelt response from the young people.

In Primary 6 there will be two teaching blocks of four weeks. During this time, progress through the materials will be quite brisk, looking at the pattern of themes in scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, prayers and exploration of the invitation of faith, as well as liturgical gesture, reverence, stillness



and community. We will have the opportunity of exploring prayers from the Rite of Baptism, the Collect of Pentecost, the Rite of Confirmation and the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and well as liturgical gestures in the Rite of Confirmation itself. This will enable the young people to engage in the celebration of Confirmation itself and see the graces of that wonderful Sacrament unfold in their lives.

Through a supported personal response, young people will have the opportunity to savour what has been attractive and inspiring to them and can ponder and respond in a variety of ways to how God and the Holy Spirit may be kindling their hearts in faith. This will involve prayer and action. The prayer journal will be continued into P7. In P7 there will be two-week period of preparation of the young people immediately before the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred. Bishop Stephen plans to make pre-Confirmation visits to all the children in parishes and schools. Let this coming time of Confirmation of the young, bring to all of us the graces and blessings needed to strengthen, enliven and cherish the life of faith in our beloved Diocese of Dunkeld.

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

God has no grandchildren!

Every generation must be introduced to the Jesus of the Gospels, the Sacraments and the Mission of Church and discover themselves to be truly beloved children of God, called and gifted to share their faith, and to celebrate and rejoice in a graced and precious life.

Our Catholic tradition invites us to discover this great gift through the Sacramental Journey and our teachers and catechists, Head Teachers and Clergy, as well as families, the first educators of children, are vital in sharing this gift to the next generation of Catholic Christians.

Over the last few years you may well have noticed that there have been no Confirmations celebrated across the Diocese of Dunkeld. Along with Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation helps us to live more fully the life of faith in Jesus and to love our common home, our friends and families, our neighbours and ourselves more fully.

Kilgraston School Chaplain, Caroline Laidlaw, reports on pupils' visit to India

Cultural exchange enriches faith in once in a lifetime experience



Kilgraston School and Unison World School (UWS), India, have an on-going exchange relationship. UWS have visited us at Kilgraston over the last three years, and recently we were finally able to make our return visit. Kilgraston have shared different aspects of school life, Scottish culture and religion with Unison World School and we were very much looking forward to learning about life in India.

Eight students, aged 12–17, and two members of staff, left Kilgraston for Dehradun, India, in the foothills of the Himalayas. They were filled with excitement and a little trepidation. Of course we had nothing to worry about. Looking after visitors is an important part of Indian culture and our welcome at UWS did not disappoint. From the moment we arrived at the airport we were made to feel special.

A taste of India

All of the staff and students we met couldn't do enough to help us or to make us feel more welcome. The Kilgraston girls spent some time following the UWS timetable and spent time with the UWS girls learning about school life. All the staff and students of the school were very excited to share their culture with us and, despite

it being a very busy period in the school calendar, they took time to ensure we experienced as many aspects of Indian culture as possible, from Indian cooking, where we learned to make pakora and discovered new spices, to our henna and sari draping workshops.

As a School Chaplain, one of the things that interested me was learning about the faith practices of Hinduism. Of course, I had read about it; I had even taught it. But lived experience is much more educative than any textbook when it comes to matters of faith. Many devotees would describe Hinduism as a way of life rather than a religion. It is difficult to trace the origins of Hinduism as it is a fusion of various Indian cultures and traditions passed down and adapted throughout generations.

Earliest Hindu Scriptures

Their religious texts – known as the Vedas – form the earliest record of the Hindu scriptures, and are regarded as eternal truths revealed to the ancient sages. The Vedas offer guidance on rituals, spiritual insight and philosophical teachings. Most Hindus draw on a common system of values known as dharma.

Dharma is an important term in all In-

dian religions, but in Hinduism it means 'duty', 'virtue', 'morality', even 'religion', and refers to the power which upholds the universe and society.

During our time in India we had the opportunity to visit many Hindu Temples, a Sikh Gurdwara and a Buddhist Monastery – all of which were totally different. One of the things that really struck me about India – and the Hindu faith in particular – was their form of worship. Hindu temples are very different from any churches I have ever been in, and there are many different temples for each of their many gods. Our first experience of a temple was the Shiv temple, which was within walking distance of the school. Before entering the temple we had to remove our shoes to show respect for the purity of the building, and as we entered my initial reaction was one of shock: this was chaos; there were people milling around everywhere and everyone seemed to be doing something different to everyone else.

However the longer I spent there I began to see some order and method. Hanging from the ceiling were bells which you would ring on the way in or the way out (but not both) to clear away any negative energy or karma. Making our way to the shrine at the front, we were greeted by an

image of Lord Shiva sitting on a gold altar. Some people would bring offerings of food, and in one corner there was a group of people pouring water over the head of a god to cleanse them from sin. The experience was naturally very alien, but I could see similarities with Christianity in the symbology of water and light.

Temple visits

Another temple we visited was Akshardam in Delhi. This was a completely different experience: there were various exhibitions, displays and gardens showing different aspects of Hindu culture and tradition.

There was a Mandir (temple) with various different altars for each of the different gods, allowing visitors to worship the deity to which they were particularly drawn. One of the exhibitions took the form of a boat ride through thousands of years of ancient Indian history.

One of the highlights of our trip was taking part in an Aarti ceremony on the banks of the River Ganges. Aarti is a devotional

ritual that uses fire as an offering. It was a huge honour for us to be included in this special ceremony, which involved us sitting around a fire pit with the prayer leader. We were each given a bowl of fruit and nuts which we had to place into the fire at specific moments during the prayers. We were fortunate enough to have experienced an Aarti ceremony earlier at UWS, so we had some understanding of the significance of what was taking place.

I don't think I could pick out one favourite moment, as there were just so many amazing once-in-a-lifetime experiences: the Aarti ceremony, riding elephants, standing in front of the Taj Mahal, just absorbing the sights and sounds of somewhere I have always wanted to visit. It was both life-altering and life-affirming, and I feel truly privileged to have been able to make this special journey.



New windows' project at Kilgraston

Work is about to start on the replacement and repair to nearly 100 windows at Kilgraston School's listed chapel at Bridge of Earn, near Perth, which have been leaking and threatening the future of its architectural and artistic treasures.

Built in 1961, to the design of prominent Scottish architects, the Chapel is home to many treasures including timeless stone sculptures of Hew Lorimer, the artist responsible for the artwork adorning the facade of the National Library of Scotland.

Mrs Dorothy MacGinty, Headmistress, told Dunkeld News, "Over the years the Chapel has enjoyed a few Scottish winters, meaning that the treasures housed within could be at risk if work is not undertaken."

"Once the work is completed the Chapel will be enhanced as a place of worship, a venue for community events, and a learning resource for local historians and those interested in Scottish architecture."

The project has been made possible

through generous donations from the Society of the Sacred Heart and Dunkeld Diocese, as well as grant funding from WREN's FCC Scottish Action Fund, Scotland's Churches and All Churches Trusts.

Mrs MacGinty, added, "We are extremely grateful to all of our project funders. Their generous contributions have enabled us to protect the fabric and heritage of the Chapel that was under threat, and work towards enhancing its profile in the local community and beyond."



DUNDEE PRO-LIFE HOLDS IT'S FOURTH ANNUAL Strengthened in unity, pro-life Lenten Vigils are the 'strength' of our movement



Margaret Akers, a former president of Edinburgh University's Pro-Life Society, opened Dundee's Pro Life 2018 Conference setting out the rapid timeline which has been leading to abortion up to birth for any reason in Scotland. Latest figures in Scotland, record around 33 abortions every day.

Margaret, now Campaign Research Officer at SPUC Scotland, told over 60 delegates attending the Dunkeld's Conference, that the pro-abortion lobby has already framed the debate in terms of 'decriminalisation' – a disingenuous title given that since 1967 only two women have been prosecuted and their cases were particularly gruesome. The abortion lobby keeps peddling the lie that women who break the 1967 Act face life sentences, even though in these two cases the women were given far more lenient sentences and then served only a fraction of these.

The truth is that in our society women aren't prosecuted for having abortions. Additionally, the already routinely flouted law is there to protect, not only women and their babies, but health-care professionals

as well. The so-called decriminalisation will make it even more difficult for midwives and obstetricians to work in their field if they object to abortions – where are women's rights here?

The lies surrounding the abortion-on-demand campaign are astounding and if you want a taste of them you should watch the BPAS 'On the Shoulders of Giants' advert that Margaret showed to the Afternoon 4 Life delegates – it's terrifying.

Over 30 abortions each day in Scotland

It's no secret how squeezed NHS budgets are and it doesn't take much cynicism to see that allowing chemical abortions at home is a money saving scheme. As well as political campaigning, SPUC Scotland offer counselling and help to post-abortive women. Clare Bremner, head of ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care Helpline) sees first-hand the devastation chemical abortion causes. Women who have to pass their dead foetus have strongly imprinted visual images accompanying their grief, making coming to terms with an abortion very difficult. Ask-

ing women to do this at home, in all likelihood on their own, isn't going to help.

The second speaker of the Afternoon was founder of the Good Counsel Network, Clare McCullough who gave an insight to their pro-life work and the attacks they face from the abortion lobby. Clare's work in London involves peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion clinics and practical help for women seeking an alternative to abortion. In her words, their work seeks 'to end abortion one baby, one mother, one family at a time'. Recent studies show alarming numbers of women reporting coercion as a factor in their abortion decision.

Many women just feel 'on their own' and Clare shared many stories of women choosing life for their baby just because the Good Counsel Network had been there for them. Clare told delegates that despite the united front presented by abortion providers, BPAS and Marie Stopes are constantly vying with each other for NHS contracts for abortions.

The pro-abortion 'lobby' pushing for 'decriminalisation' is largely abortion providers with a lot of money to make as re-

NUAL CONFERENCE pro-life groups' ill small voice'

strictions are decreased. However, despite all the hard work from the abortion-on-demand campaign, abortion numbers in London are declining – and Clare firmly believes that's down to prayer.

Clare sees the abortion industry's excessive attack on the Good Counsel Network's vigils as proof that their vigils are working. While the buffer zone crusade is painted in terms of protecting women from harassment, Clare explained that it wasn't in their interests to harass women outside abortion clinics and that typically only one person will stand on their own offering a leaflet with information about help available.

If the Good Counsel Network employed the tactics they're accused of they simply wouldn't have been able to help the 3,000 babies that have been given life because of their work. The testimonies on the web-site given by mothers helped by Clare and her team put the spotlight on the reality of this work. Unfortunately, when local authorities and parliamentary committees are looking at this issue, these mother's voices are totally discounted.

How can these assaults on pro-life work be met? As well as the Prayer Vigils advocated by The Good Counsel Network, it's important to let people know the truth about life before birth and abortion. We're long past the days of believing that the foetus is just a clump of cells but if we don't keep the miracle of the baby developing in the womb in the public eye, the lie that abortion is a quick solution to a crisis pregnancy perpetuates.

The final speaker at the Conference was Emmet Dooley, SPUC's Director of Education and Outreach. Emmet gave delegates a taste of the pro-life presentations that he takes to schools all around the country. In the last 12 months, Emmet has spoken to multiple classes in over 57 schools – quite a feat – uncovering the truth about abortion for our young people. He showed the video clip of last year's scientific discovery of the flash of light that sparks at the moment of

human conception. Scientists described the discovery as 'breathtaking' and Emmet shows it as part of his school talks.

This is the fourth year that Bishop Stephen Robson has hosted the Afternoon for Life event in Dunkeld Diocese – the only event of its kind on the East coast of Scotland and an increasingly important date on the Scottish pro-life calendar. With this kind of pro-life witness going from strength-to-strength the heart-breaking statistic of 33 children a day surely can't remain for long.



Parishioners at St Bernadette's, Tullibody listened to a retired Consultant from Larbert Hospital who spoke at their Sunday Mass and then teamed up with others from Our Lady and St Ninian's, Bannockburn, in the prayer vigil outside Forth Valley Hospital, Larbert.



The vigil outside Ninewells Hospital responding to the call for '40 Days for Life'. Stalwart members have attended every day since Ash Wednesday. It's not too late to join them and sign up for a regular hour. Email 40daysdundee@gmail.com or pop along between 12 and 2pm.

And he said,
Go forth, and stand
upon the mount before the Lord.

And, behold, the Lord passed by,
and a great and strong wind
rent the mountains,
and brake in pieces the rocks
before the Lord;
but the Lord was not in the wind:
and after the wind an earthquake;
but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

And after the earthquake a fire;
but the Lord was not in the fire:
and after the fire a still small voice.

And it was so, when Elijah heard it,
that he wrapped his face in his mantle,
and went out, and stood
in the entrance of the cave.

And, behold, there came a voice unto
him, and said, What doest thou here,
Elijah?

1 Kings 19:11-13

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St Clement's, Dundee



Children's Liturgy Group at St Clement's Parish, Dundee.

Busy year for Our Lady's UCM

Since starting up one year ago, the Union of Catholic Mothers at Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth, has had a busy few months. Among the guest speakers, Iona Lewis spoke about women of the New Testament and Pauline Porter gave a talk on her role within the National UCM and what this involves, which members found to be very useful and informative.

The Mothers also hosted a Universal Rosary, Spiritual and social evening. This was a great success with the Rosary being said in French, Polish, German and English, fol-

lowed by food from these countries. The event is to be repeated again soon. United with neighbouring UCM members from St John's, Perth, they made up more than 150 Christmas parcels for children and mothers in the hospital in Bucharest

Coming soon: a Candlelight Meditation; a Lourdes evening with Mrs Bald a member of the Diocesan Lourdes medical team; questions and answer session with parish priest Fr Colin Golden and, most recently, a Daffodil Tea on Saturday 10th March in aid of the Student Priesthood Fund.

Confirmation class at St Bride's, Monifieth



P6 Catechism Class pictured with Father Michael Carrie after the Rite of Enrolment at the start of their preparation for Confirmation next year.

No Man is an Island Castaway Bishop reveals his playlist



Iona Lewis interviews Bishop Stephen

Being cast away on a Desert Island might not be everyone's idea of heaven. Perhaps even less so for the Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea! But, for Bishop Stephen it was the perfect opportunity to draw a crowd to Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth, to help raise funds for a church hall which will serve the parish, the primary school and the wider community.

With retired music teacher Iona Lewis taking on Roy Plomley's interviewing role, and with the sound of the sea and the gulls, Bishop Stephen revealed his top tunes: Allegri's 'Misere' and Monteverdi 'Ave Maria Stella'; while noting that both these composers fitted composition in with their priestly ministries; in contrast, Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Modern Major General' reminding him of his days teaching in Scotland and at the Seminary in Rome where he staged many G&S productions; Rachmaninov, Chopin and Mozart also featured as did Puccini's 'Recordite Armona' from Tosca.

His favourite book, apart from the Bible and Shakespeare which seems to have washed up before him, 'The Rule of Benedict' was Bishop Stephen's top choice. Perhaps Benedict's desert spirituality would be the most fitting in the circumstances. But, in truth he would dislike the isolation. "No man is an island", Bishop Stephen reminded his listeners. "I don't think I would cope very well there."

Our Lady's Church Hall Fund has already attracted Lottery Funding and future events include a musical evening with Michael El-lacott in Our Lady's, at 7pm, on Thursday 19th April.

M AROUND THE PARISHES

Mary's lifetime of witness and service to the Church



Mary Hopkins, at the age of 95, received the Bene Merenti medal from His Holiness Pope Francis. Presenting this prodigious award on behalf of His Holiness, the Right

Reverend Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld said Mary has given incredible service to the Catholic Church in her parish of St Pius X in Dundee for many years.

She prepared the church for its worship, brought Holy Communion to the sick in their homes, instructed people who wished to enter the Catholic Church, organised prayer groups in her home. Mary was also a member of St Vincent's charismatic prayer group for several years.

As a young woman before the war, she worked as a maid in the parish of St Joseph's, Dundee. "Hers has indeed been a lifetime of service and witness to her Church", added Bishop Stephen.

For the presentation, along with her family, with whom she now lives, Mary was joined by her friends from the Rosary group as well as former Parish Priest Mgr Aldo Angelosanto, and current parish priest, Fr Jim Walls.

Way of the Cross calls for power of prayer and spiritual strength



Last year, two parishioners at St John the Baptist's, Perth, Jaromir and Magda Kruczynski chose to celebrate 10 years of marriage by embarking on a very challenging Way of the Cross. The couple walked the Ekstremalna Droga Krzyżowa (EDK), the Extreme Way of the Cross. The 30 miles route, was followed in silence, with group of around 40 others, at night, starting with Holy Mass, following part of the West Highland Way outside Glasgow. Jaromir said, "The first 15 miles was OK but after 20 miles, when physical resources were near zero - the power of prayer and spiritual strength were called for to help to overcome crisis, accept the pain and keep going forward. It helped us to understand better what Jesus did for us at his Passion."

Jaromir has now confirmed plans for a Dunkeld EDK, on Friday 23rd March until the morning of Saturday 24th, setting out from St John the Baptist's, Perth, by minibus to Amulree and then, 25 miles on foot, back to Perth through Glen Almond and ending at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Perth.

St Bernadette's, Tullibody remain Mission Aware

Parishioners at St Bernadette's, Tullibody, were delighted to welcome Duncan McLaren ex-Secretary General of Caritas International, who gave a talk about Caritas to the Diocese of Dunkeld Mission Awareness group. Duncan, who has also worked for SCIAF, spoke about the beginnings of Caritas, how it is organised and the good it does today as World's largest aid agency which SCIAF is part.

St Bride's, Pitlochry, planting seeds of faith

Every last Thursday of the month, in the foyer of St Bride's, Pitlochry, at 7.30pm, there is an opportunity to grow in the spirit of prayer by attending a prayer group run by lay people in the parish. At their first meeting, they chose 'The Mustard Seed' as their name, referring to the parable that Jesus once said about the mustard seed that even though it is a very small seed it will grow and became a big tree. Parish priest, Fr Edward Vella said, "beginning this group is planting a mustard seed, as we hoped that more people would see this as an opportunity to start taking prayer life more seriously."

Redemptorists to lead Mission at St John's Perth

In the days before the start of Holy Week, parishioners at St John's, Perth, will take part in a Parish Mission entitled, 'Come Back to Me', led by Fr Gerald Mulligan and Fr Ronald McAinsh from St Mary's Monastery in the city. It will begin by recalling the 'Gift of Baptism' and then focuses on Mercy, Healing, the Eucharist, Family Life and Prayer - with talks being given at 7pm, in St John's Melville Street, each evening from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd March.

A warm welcome has been extended to all parishioners, and also to all those who may feel that they have lost the practice of their Faith and to members of neighbouring parishes too.

The ecumenical group, Perth Action for Churches Together has also publicised the Mission throughout the other member local churches.

“Residents don’t live in our workplace – we work in their home...”



St Mary's Care Home, Monifieth, is owned by the RC Diocese of Dunkeld and is run by the Management Committee chaired by Bishop Stephen Robson.

St Mary's Care Home is a former Cottage hospital that is situated in quiet grounds within the suburb of Monifieth, Dundee. There are shops and facilities in Monifieth along with good transport links to Dundee city centre and beyond.

It is a deceptively large care home providing residential care for 30 elderly people. Accommodation is provided in 4 separate wings leading from a central lounge and dining room area.

Accommodation consists of 19 bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms of vary-

ing sizes and 11 bedrooms with wash hand basins which have toilets nearby.

As part of its continual upgrading programme we have recently invested in a new sun lounge and also a palliative care room which is available for our residents and families should this be required. Within this upgrade, we have also renovated 4 bedrooms to include en-suite facilities.

Meals are served in the dining room where the chef provides a varied home-cooked menu. Specific menu requirements can be catered for in order to meet resident needs. Home baking and fruit is provided with the various cups of tea and drinks throughout the day.

With a choice of lounges and the new

sun room, residents can socialise with other residents if they wish or entertain family and friends. Our outside seating areas are popular in the warmer weather, and residents are encouraged to venture outside to enjoy the sunshine. We have a daily programme of activities to provide a stimulating, pleasurable environment, should our residents wish to take advantage of this.

Activities include quizzes, exercises, games etc. We also have entertainers visiting the home on a regular basis. They are mainly singers with our residents singing along to their favourite tunes. Residents are encouraged to dance if they are able or just listen to the music. We also have visits from animals giving the residents a chance to interact with them. We have our own minibus which is used for regular outings vary-



Entertainers wanted

If you happen to know anyone who would be willing to come in and entertain our residents, please let St Mary's Care Home Manager know.



St Mary's has recently invested in a new sun lounge and also a palliative care room



ing from drives in the countryside to visits to local attractions. Our small chapel can be visited at any time and we offer Catholic Mass on a Wednesday evening and also a visit from a Eucharistic Minister on Sundays to give Holy Communion.

Other facilities provided are a small hairdressing salon with 2 hairdressers visiting us weekly. An in-house laundry providing a daily service for residents. We have WIFI available in some parts of the home and with investment in the near future we hope that all bedrooms and lounges will have this service. A recently installed CCTV system adds further security to our home

along with our secure entry system and private gardens.

Other services can be organised such as podiatry and physiotherapy depending on the residents' requirements.

We employ well-trained staff, including care officers, care assistants and ancillary staff who provide 24 hour care. At St Mary's, we care for each resident in strict accordance with their individual care plan which is regularly reviewed and updated. Our team works under the supervision of Sheena Renton, our dedicated Home Manager who has many years' experience in the

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care of our residents. We have a close relationship with the local health professionals in the Monifieth Health Centre and doctors and district nurses visit on a regular basis.

We genuinely believe that promoting a healthy environment for our residents and supporting them to meet their needs enables them to achieve their maximum potential and provides them with a more fulfilling life in their new home.

We ensure that every person feels supported and valued within our home. We create strong links with families and loved ones to create an atmosphere of partnership and common purpose. We provide a homely and relaxed environment that is safe. We promote a positive approach toward person centred care which values individual skill and abilities.

We want St Mary's to be 'Home' for our residents. Our residents don't live in our workplace – we work in their home.

If you would like to view the home please call us on the number shown in the contact details and we will be very happy to show you around.



A Message from the Diocesan Youth Office

Building a Dynamic Youth Ministry

Dear Friends,

I am happy to write to you all. I hope you are keeping well and making the best use of opportunities around you. How about the weather? Ooohhh, for me, I am really looking forward to Summer. I hope it will be warmer this time. It's been a wonderful time so far in the Diocesan Youth office. I shall use this opportunity to update you especially about upcoming activities to be organized by the Diocesan Youth Service (DYS) and the Scottish Catholic Youth (SCY).

The Youth Lent Retreat was postponed due to the adverse weather conditions at the time. We rescheduled it for Saturday, 24th March. The theme was 'Called to Serve' and it was a time to reflect on the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we are called to share in it. He says to us "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) Following in his steps, we shall find out practical ways that we can be of Christian service to others.

Scottish Catholic Youth (SCY) has fixed Saturday 9th of June for this year's Scottish National Youth Pilgrimage. The venue is St Andrews Cathedral ground at St Andrews. It will be an opportunity for us to meet friends from the other dioceses in Scotland, share our faith, engage in lots of activities and celebrate the Holy Mass

together. The event shall be between 12 noon and 5.30pm. Please register for the pilgrimage by sending your name and contact to youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk. We shall make provision for transport and feeding. More information will be made available towards the event.

Some of us have registered for the European Life-Teen summer camp in Helvoirt, in the Netherlands between July 23rd -28th 2018. This edition is themed 'Heart of God'. The camp is for 12-19 years old. Unfortunately, registration has closed now for this year, so intending campers may look out for next year's. Preparations have started already and we wish those attending a wonderful experience.

The group will be led by our dear Caroline Laidlaw. Caroline worked in the Diocesan Youth office for five years. She has been involved in accompanying, leading and organizing trips for young people. Among them

are the World Youth Days in Madrid 2011 and in Krakow 2016. Since her appointment at Kilgraston, she has accompanied her school to Rome where she had the responsibility for one of the groups. Recently, she led the school exchange programme to Dehradun in India for two weeks. Caroline is used to living in a residential setting with young people. We are grateful to her for accepting this responsibility.

As we draw closer to the end of the Lenten season, may we be renewed by the Holy Spirit through our many works of penance and charity. Having prepared ourselves, may we celebrate devoutly the Passion and the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish you all a Happy Easter celebration when it comes.

Fr Samuel Alabi

Dunkeld's Director of Youth Formation

Scottish National Youth Pilgrimage

Saturday 9th June, 2018
12 noon - 5.30pm

St Andrews Cathedral Ruins, St Andrews

Meet youth from other dioceses, celebrate the faith together, have Mass, and take part in lots of activities

Please register by sending your name and contact to
youth-office@dunkelddiocese.org.uk



Join our exciting youth music and animation team in Dunkeld

Diocesan Youth Music and Animation Team are a group of young people who enjoy creating music and giving back to the community by providing music ministry for different events run by the Diocesan Youth Service and Youth Commission.

We bring together the youth of the Diocese to form a central music group. Everyone is welcome, and we look for as many instruments as possible to create a wonderful accompaniment for Masses and events that we support.

Anyone who can play an instrument or sing, no matter what the level. There is a place for everyone and we hope to continue growing our group in the future.

Previously we have held weekly rehearsals in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. However, we are currently looking at new ways to gather together in order to reach more young people across the Diocese, particularly those who cannot make a weekly commitment.

If you, or someone you know, is between 12 and 30 years old, can play an instrument or sing and wants to get involved, or if you have any questions, please contact the youth office at youth-office@dunkeld-diocese.org.uk

Anything God allows into my life has a purpose...He wastes nothing. I will wait, trust and believe He will bring good from all that I've gone through.

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Pope Francis decrees memorial day for Our Lady at Pentecost

Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will remember “the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church” on the Monday after Pentecost each year.

The Gospel reading for the new memorial is John 19:25-31, which recounts how, from the Cross, Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.

The decree announcing the new addition to the Church’s calendar was released on March 3 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Pope Francis approved the decree after “having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety”, the document says.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, noted in a brief commentary published the same day, that Blessed Paul VI in 1964 had formally bestowed the title of “Mother of the Church” on Mary, but that recognition of her maternal care for the church and for believers had already spanned centuries.

“The feeling of Christian people through two millennia of history has cultivated the filial bond which inseparably binds the disciples of Christ to his Blessed Mother in various ways,” the cardinal said.

The Church calendars of Poland, Argentina, St Peter’s Basilica and some religious orders already set aside the Monday after Pentecost as the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Honouring Mary as Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Cardinal Sarah said that Mary, “from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth.”

Along with the decree and his comments, Cardinal Sarah also published, in Latin, the specific liturgical texts for use on the memorial at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Bishops’ conferences “will approve the translation of the texts they need and, after receiving their confirmation, will publish them in the liturgical books for their jurisdiction,” the cardinal concluded.

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Scottish Federation of Organists to hold conference in Dundee



The annual conference of the Scottish Federation of Organists will be held in Dundee on the evening of Friday 4 May and all-day on Saturday 5 May. Sheriff Kevin Veal, who is the organist at St Joseph's, Dundee, current president of SFO, told Dunkeld News, "this Conference is a wonderful opportunity to hear music of the highest possible standard."

At 7.30pm on the Friday evening, Gordon Stewart, the internationally renowned concert organist and a native of Dundee, will be sharing with Alba Brass Concert, in a recital of Organ and Brass music in St Mary Magdalene's Scottish Episcopal Church in Dundee. At 11.30am the following day, there will be a choral concert in the Steeple Church, Dundee, given by St Salvator's Chapel Choir from the University of St Andrews, all under the direction of Tom Wilkinson.

A great highlight of the whole weekend will be the Celebrity Recital on the famous Harrison & Harrison organ in the Caird Hall at 2.30pm on the afternoon of Saturday 5th May.

The recitalist will be Martin Baker, the Master of Music at Westminster RC Cathedral, London, who is also the current President of the Royal College of Organists.

SFO President, Sheriff Kevin Veal said, "Tayside Organists' Society who sit on the organising committee for this Conference consider it to be quite a coup to have secured the services of Martin Baker as our Celebrity Recitalist. Having studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, Chatham's School of Music and Downing College, Cambridge, Martin thereafter held positions at Westminster and St Paul's Cathedrals in London. At the age of 24, he was appointed to Westminster Abbey, before returning in 2000 to Westminster Cathedral as Master of Music."

"He is responsible for directing the world-renowned choir in its daily choral programme. In addition, he undertakes a busy schedule of concerts, tours, and recordings with the choir, as well as frequently playing solo organ concerts in the United Kingdom and across the globe."

The SFO hope that many people, not just the conference delegates, will make time to come and hear what is sure to be performances of the highest possible standard and calibre. Martin's programme will be varied and will include his improvising on a theme, which he will see for the first time just before he begins to play."

Tickets priced at £7, with concessions of £3 for students, will be available from the Caird Hall Box Office as well as at the door if he Caird Hall on the day of the performance.

NIGHTFEVER

Saturday Evenings

7th April
26th May

in St Andrew's Cathedral,
Dundee

*"Always a grace-filled evening
of adoration and outreach on the streets
and is an endeavour
which hopes to respond to the
Holy Father's desire for
a 'missionary' church."*

Niki Munro

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What the Eucharist means to me

by Bishop Stephen

In preparation for representing the Scottish Church at the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (England and Wales), in Liverpool, September 2018, Bishop Stephen was invited to write a reflection on 'What the Eucharist Means to Me.' His article was recently published in the Middlesbrough Diocesan Catholic Voice and is reproduced here by kind permission.

Recently, at a meal for my three seminarians and three new students who were going to begin their propaedeutic period at our Royal Scots College in Salamanca before entering seminary, I wanted to thank them for their generosity and goodness.

I also felt urgently the need to thank Almighty God myself for the gift of my own priestly vocation. Next year I shall celebrate 40 years as a priest, and six years as a bishop. Central to everything I try to do – whether it be mission, visitations to parishes, care of the priests and religious, celebration of the great feasts of our Catholic faith or encouraging young people to discern what the Lord wants them to do with their lives, is the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This is my daily contact with the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, my participation in His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

To the Eucharist I bring my joys, triumphs, sorrows, failures, aspirations and

intentions. From my encounter with the Risen and Triumphant Lord in the Mass I receive a share in the life of heaven here on earth in Holy Communion.

How do those who have no faith or struggling faith keep up with the pace of our modern world with its temptations and zeitgeist, the “spirit of the age”, which is nowadays so often inimical to the ways of God? How many of us are caught up in so many traps and enslaved by so many fruitless conventions, destructive habits and hopeless life situations? And yet Christ lovingly invites us constantly to his door, calling us to cross the threshold of hope, for only he is our hope.

So our Eucharist looks back to Christ, heals us now and promises a share in the life of Heaven. What more can we ask? Especially as a bishop? The sacrifice of the Mass must lay at the centre of all I do and say; for the Eucharistic grace of Christ is the principal means of bringing the people of the Lord in the diocese I try to serve into a unity.

The Eucharistic gifts we receive ensure that what we profess in our faith and celebrate with our lips, is also lived out fruitfully and truthfully in our lives. The Eucharist is the fons et culmen, the source and summit of all we have and are. It is the pledge of everlasting life.

Lawside Reunion

A group of former pupils from Dundee's Lawside Academy, now replaced with St Saviour's, in the new St Paul's Academy, would like to organise a reunion of multiple Lawside year-groups - teachers and chaplains too.

Organisers are looking for anyone who started at either the Main School or the Anexe and, subsequently, transferred to the (then) new school, based in School Road. Soon after Lawside Academy (School Road) first opened, it became comprehensive, it served pupils from Arbroath, Perth, Blairgowrie. There has, already, been significant interest on Facebook via the Dundee Schools Photographs Group.

One of the first pupils to attend all the way from S1-S6, and a key organiser of the reunion is Elisabeth Kerr. Born in April 1953, maiden name Connelly, Elisabeth was a pupil at St Joseph's Primary School in the city before proudly wearing her Lawside blazer.

Elisabeth says, “Given the potential numbers of ex-pupils we would like to be able to contact, plus actual planning/decision-making and the variety of locations and travel issues, it would seem more sensible to try to plan for a date in 2019. As you can imagine, a lot of the contacts, so far, are via Social Media as so many of us have moved away but it is incredibly difficult to identify female ex-pupils whose surnames may have changed over the years and, therefore, we are hoping that the message will spread via any avenue we can find.”

If you would like to find out more - please contact Elisabeth Kerr liskerr@hotmail.com

“All work and no play” - Fr Ronnie makes a welcome invitation to relax

During Advent, a Holy Hour was celebrated at St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Lawside, Dundee and was attended by representatives from four Religious Orders and the diocesan clergy. Bishop Stephen then celebrated a Mass for Religious on the Day of Consecrated Life, 2nd February, which was well attended by Religious, Diocesan clergy and the laity.

“Lent is a heavy time for all involved, and it would be good to relax together in the paschal season.”

“May I suggest that those who wish to join us, gather at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull at 3pm on April 25th for a short afternoon prayer followed by afternoon tea.”

“Please do let me know if you can attend. This social aspect should help us maintain the good spirit among us.”

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(L-R) Bishop Hugh Gilbert (Aberdeen), Bishop Stephen Robson (Dunkeld), Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (Glasgow), His Excellency Edward Joseph Adams (Papal Nuncio), Bernadette Reilly (artist), Archbishop Leo Cushley (St Andrews and Edinburgh), Bishop Joseph Toal, Bishop Brian McGhee (Argyll and the Isles), Bishop William Nolan (Galloway) and Bishop John Keenan (Paisley)



Marking centenary of a partnership between Church and State for education



This year, 2018, Scotland celebrates the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act. This was the Act that saw Catholic schools transferred from Diocesan control to State governance.

The Bishops' Conference plans using this centenary to celebrate the positive impact that this very important partnership between Church and State has had for Scotland. During this year we will rejoice in the academic, cultural, civic and social achievements of pupils who have attended Catholic schools in the last one hundred years. It is a chance to mark publicly the ways in which Catholic schools are not just good for Catholics but good for Scotland too.

The Icon of Jesus Our Teacher was commissioned by the Scottish Catholic Education Service to mark the centenary of the 1918 Education Act. The Icon has been 'written' by artist Bernadette Reilly. It will be used as the focus for our prayer, meditation, reflection and liturgical celebrations to mark the Centenary.

We hope that the icon, and all that it represents, will be a fitting legacy for the first 100 years of the partnership between Church and State in governing Catholic Schools in Scotland.

The icon will visit our Diocese in June this year starting with the Annual Schools' Mass, at 7pm, on Thursday 7th June, which



Thanks to Mgr Ken McCaffrey for this photo of pupils at Ss Peter and Paul's, Dundee: "Lewis (head boy) with Anna and Ruairi being interviewed for a video to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Education Act (1918)."

will be celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral, hosted by St Andrew's Primary, Dundee.

Also for June, Dunkeld's Vicar Episcopal for Education, Fr Tom Shields, has announced that St John's Academy, Perth will host the Icon on their patronal feastday, Monday 25th June, when Bishop Stephen will join them for celebrations. It is one of Scotland's oldest Catholic schools originally dating back to 1864, built by parishioners; the building and staffing costs were paid by the parish until it was transferred to state control in 1919, the year following the passing of the Education Act. Celebrations will conclude with the Annual Christ the King Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, on Sunday, 25th November, at 11am.