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PASTORAL LETTER ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE

They hunger and thirst for even better things



The Rt. Rev. Stephen Robson

Bishop Stephen used his most recent Pastoral Letter to share some thoughts about Young People, especially in the light of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis this year, and the new arrangements for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the diocese beginning this Autumn.

“By kind Providence, these two initiatives are closely linked together and help give focus and direction to our current pastoral needs and mission over the coming months and years.”

“One of the Bible stories we have listened to over the Easter Season was about the lakeside breakfast where Peter encounters the Risen Christ. The disciples had been fishing without catching anything all night and were somewhat discouraged and exhausted. A figure, unrecognised at first on the shore, tells them to cast their nets elsewhere – and behold — they landed an enormous catch of fish. As happens so often in the course of living out our faith, it is the fruits of our labour that help us to recognise the presence of the Risen Lord. Peter suddenly recognises Jesus and makes haste to meet him, followed closely by the other disciples.”

“It was only after having accepted the Lord’s guidance and advice and having

shared a meal together to regain their strength, that the Lord took Peter aside. The presence of the charcoal fire suddenly reminded Peter of another conversation beside a fire where he had denied Jesus. It was in this context that Peter is commissioned by the Good Shepherd to “Feed my sheep” and “Feed my lambs”. Despite Peter’s discouragement, difficulty, shame and disappointment in himself, he is still chosen by the Lord.”

“Like Peter, we here and now are given a similar hope, a similar mission. We are to labour with the Lord; feed from him most especially in the Eucharist, and to go forth strengthened and heartened to minister to His flock, as Priests and People within the Diocese of Dunkeld and beyond.”

“Any visitor to our parishes cannot fail to notice the absence of whole generations now of young people, with a few notable and courageous exceptions. In a time of rapid social and technological change...



IN GOD’S IMAGE

Following complete acceptance of the recommendations of the McLellan Commission, the Bishops of Scotland have decreed that the new safeguarding policy, ‘In God’s Image’ will be normative for all dioceses. Bishop Stephen recently signed a decree stating that from 21st May the new document will come into force.

Leaflets are available in the churches giving more information about the new procedures. The leaflet and the full document can be accessed via the Bishops’ Conference website: www.bcos.org.uk (under the Safeguarding tab).

The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service website also contains more information: www.scsafeguarding.org.uk



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“...Feed my lambs”

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

Bishop leads celebrations at St James', Kinross, for Sid Grant's Papal Medal

Bishop Stephen Robson, Fr Martin Pletts and past priests of St James', Kinross, gathered with parishioners for the presentation of the Benemerenti Award to Mr Sid Grant. Sid and his wife Maureen have been stalwarts of the parish since they moved to Kinross back in May of 1972.

Sid and Maureen have three sons, Martin, Simon and Gerard, and were joined by

members of their extended family. Among the former priests who join in for the occasion were Fr Mike Freyne MHM, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan and Mgr Kenneth McCaffrey.

Bishop Stephen said, "Sid's involvement in the life of the Church, with previous parish pastoral councils, organising of parish retreats and visits, his help in diocesan fund raising initiatives, his work with cat-

echists and the RCIA, his involvement in Kinrossshire Churches Together... the list is endless. He has been a great assistance to parish priests past and present."

Bishop Stephen also described how Sid has always encouraged other parishioners to be more involved in the life of the parish.

The award was given on the 28th anniversary of a life-saving kidney transplant that Sid had received, and this was acknowledged with great gratitude and recognised as something which has spurred Sid on to give more of himself, to others, in service. Sid has indeed been working with committees in Ninewells Hospital to help improve the life and lot of dialysis and transplant patients for some time. He has also been involved over the years in a Polish/Scottish twinning project in the nearby city of Perth with the Polish city of Bydgoszcz, as Sid's father was himself Polish.

In response to the presentation, Sid expressed his gratitude and the sense of being completely overwhelmed at receiving such an honour from the Holy Father. "It is an honour for the family and the who parish," said Sid.



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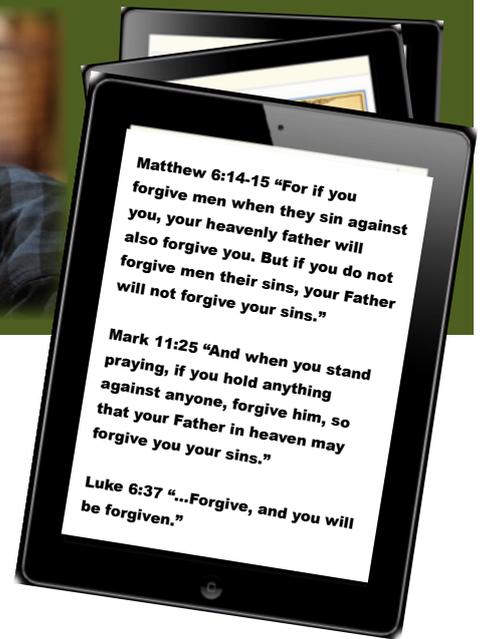
Golden moment for Norma at Glasgow Awards Ceremony

Italian Scotland's Medaglia D'Oro was presented to Perth's Norma Giulianotti at an award's ceremony hosted by Cav Ronnie Convery, Italy's Honorary Consul General in Glasgow's Central Grand Hotel, on 14th May. Presented by Bishop Mario Conti, Norma's award recognises a lifetime of service to the Italian Community in Scotland. The medal is the newest in a series of awards made annually at Italian Scotland's Gala Charity Dinner recognising the work of individuals and businesses in Scotland with Italian roots.

A parishioner at St Mary Magdalene's, Perth, Norma is President of the city's Circolo Italiano Religioso, organising a pilgrimage every year, as well as dinner dances, fund raising for the Mukuru Street Children, and attendances at the Italian Community's national events. Norma says, "Integration has always been a prime feature of what we do. All events are open to all members of the parish community."

Norma is pictured at the award ceremony with her sister, Carol, and brother Ralph





Preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

*“Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
forgave you.”*

Ephesians 4:31

Across the Diocese of Dunkeld, our young people have been preparing for and celebrating the great Sacrament of Reconciliation over the last year. It is a time of great joy for them, their teachers and their families. We may call this great Sacrament of Mercy by different things. The humility of admitting that we fall short and the honesty to speak this awareness out loud, is Confession. The merciful love of The Father awaits us and embraces us in all our weakness: we are Reconciled; strengthened by God's Grace we can gather our memory, free will and imagination and make a resolve to do better, to try again; and in trying again we make a resolve, and do Penance.

Forgiveness, given and received is a great life lesson. I would hazard the opinion that without forgiveness, most marriages and families would not survive, communities would lose their authenticity and warmth and indeed, most businesses and services would flounder. The capacity to forgive; to see the other as a person to be understood and respected, even cherished, sometimes even in the midst of disagreement, is the hallmark of the Christian life. One might say that the life of any follower of Jesus is a journey to an ever-deepening understanding of both love and forgiveness.

So how can we all make celebrate and remember this great lesson of acceptance and generosity? The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a call to live forgiveness more fully in our daily lives; with those we like and struggle to like; with those we love and those we struggle to love. So too we are called in this

great tide of merciful living to recognise those who have hurt us; those who have disappointed us, even betrayed us. Those who have trod heavily on our dreams and left us bruised and wary. We are called to the great gift of forgiveness of wrongs. This does not mean that we are reckless with our own safety, integrity or wellbeing. Rather, we are called to be builders of peace, reconciliation and a life of joy.

Show compassion

This attitude of reconciliation is one where we too show compassion to the outsiders in our communities; the homeless, the migrant workers or refugees. Seeking to support and console others who have struggles or have made poor choices. This too is what it means to be a Christian.

Our children can teach us simple yet profound lessons about life. Their openness and hope for a better world. Their littleness and humility, even fearfulness in a troubled and at times confusing world. Their capacity to live in the moment, joyfully and with great imagination and trust. We too must remember that we are beloved children of God, despite, and sometimes because of our weakness and vulnerability. It is this that draws us to seek God's grace and help in reaching out to one another.

Try paying it forward

So perhaps, as a witness and role model to the young, next time you have a family disagreement, be the first to offer a hand of friendship. If someone is thoughtless or ungenerous, consider what might be troubling their heart. Look beyond your own comfort and consider 'paying it forward' for a homeless person by paying for a sandwich or a hot drink. Give the benefit of the doubt, in your workplaces and families. Consider giving up a small luxury in order to give a little more to someone in need,



Mary O'Duffin

**ONLINE RESOURCES
FOR TEACHERS,
CATECHISTS
and PARENTS**

supporting 'This is Our Faith'

[https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/
re-resources-for-schools-and-catechists/](https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/re-resources-for-schools-and-catechists/)



in Scotland or abroad. Notice the kindness and forgiveness of young people. Try to show quiet kindness and forgiveness in all the people you meet in your daily life, known and unknown. Show your forgiveness and mercy in deeds rather than words.

So perhaps the greatest witness to our children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, is that we their parents, families, teachers, grandparents, priests and deacons join them in approaching this beautiful Sacrament of mercy. In doing so we acknowledge that we too make mistakes, need to seek and offer forgiveness and that sometimes all this is only possible with the strength and compassion of God's forgiving grace.

Weather fails to halt St Mungo's SCIAF fund raising



Mrs Jo Rowe (Principal Teacher at St Mungo's) told Dunkeld News, "Our P6/7 class successfully planned and led a fundraising campaign for SCIAF during Lent. They were slightly concerned that they would not be as successful as previous years as Ash Wednesday fell in our February half term and then the snow came and interrupted their initial activities."

"All that aside, they still managed to re-schedule and change events and have a

very successful school fundraising event. Fairtrade Macaroons were made to sell at lunchtimes and filled a jar with a variety of Easter eggs so children could pay to 'Guess How Many Eggs' were in the jar."

"The children had planned an Outdoor Obstacle Course for each class to participate in but the weather was so bad that it had to be held indoors. A Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon was held for families and friends of the school and had a 'Sponsored Scoot

About' the school. This was by far our most successful event and the children had great fun bringing in their bikes and scooters to see how many laps they could do."

"The final event was a Dress Down Day that was combined with a Crazy Hair Day. P6/7, planned all these events as part of their topic work and in class they were also learning about the valuable contributions SCIAF makes. In class the children did a comparative study between Scotland and Cambodia."

"Mark Booker came into visit the class and did some great work with the children. He did a variety of activities in the morning and helped them to plan a whole school assembly. This gave the P6/7 children a great opportunity to share all their learning and promote their SCIAF campaign."

"Mark revisited the class last week so that the children could share with him what they had done and present him with a very large cheque. We are all delighted that the children of St Mungo's and their families supported all our events to raise an amazing £1716.02. This will be doubled by the government to make a final total of £3432.04 which is absolutely phenomenal."

Perth and Blairgowrie link up for Sacramental Retreat in preparation for First Communion



On Friday 11th May, children from Our Lady's and St John's Academy (Primary) joined their peers from St Stephen's at a Retreat in Blairgowrie. The day was hosted by St Stephen's and had a range of music, reading and art workshops in addition to group discussions. Mgr Martin Drysdale, Fr Gregory Umunna and Deacon Len joined the children and went around the groups before celebrating Mass in the afternoon along with the rest of St Stephen's Primary School.

St John's High School, Dundee reflects on its proud contribution to Catholic Education in Dundee



During this centenary year of the passing of the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act that brought Catholic schools into partnership with the state, I have had the pleasure of examining our school's extensive archive. We have photographs and documents that go right back to the founding of St John's Central School, Park Avenue, in 1931. One of the greatest treasures is the original Head Master's log book, dutifully filled in every day by Bro Liguori and his successors, telling the story of the school from its opening on the 16th September 1931. It is easy to get lost in this book, reading of the daily struggles and joys of those early years.

Particularly poignant are the entries made around the Second World War, where activities that suggest the presence of foreboding threat are jotted down with sober brevity:

"30.9.38: School dismissed at 3pm for the purpose of instructing the staff in the adjustment of respirators or gas-masks."

The archive also boasts hundreds of photographs, newspaper cuttings, and programmes from various celebrations through the years. The programme from the opening of the new school building on its current site on Harefield Road in 1961 is wonderful. It communicates a real sense of pride and purpose in the mission of the modern Catholic school.

"...a new educational environment designed to secure not only a high level of scholastic achievement, but even more important, a thorough grounding in group citizenship."

So much has been lovingly kept over the years and our Marist Group intends to exhibit some of these treasures in the school as part of our celebrations for the centenary of the Education Act.

Studying the archive is not only fascinating from an historical perspective but it also helps to develop a sense of the continued mission of St John's through the years.

St John's High School, Harefield Road, Dundee
The school's motto *Ad Coelos* (To Heaven/Heavenward) communicates an ethos of high academic standards and, more importantly, is a clear statement of the shared goal of all Christians, eternal salvation. This fundamental element of the school's mission comes across more vividly than any other when studying the archive. The founder of the Marist Brothers, St Marcellin Champagnat, said:

"I cannot see a child without wanting to let him know how much Jesus Christ has loved him and how much he should, in return, love the divine Saviour."

Those who have lead and taught in this school over its 87 year history have endeavoured to live up to St Marcellin's challenge, to make Jesus known and loved, and it is our responsibility to continue that mission today. Fundamental to that is the daily prayer life of the school. Prayers are said with pupils in Religious Education lessons, assemblies and in tutor time.

The Morning Office is prayed each day in the school chapel and our chaplain, Fr Steven Mulholland, celebrates Mass for us every Friday. There is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Tuesday and Rosary on a Thursday.

The school is looking forward to welcoming Bishop Robson to celebrate Mass for us and our invited guests on the 11th June, in the presence of the icon *Jesus our Teacher*, commissioned by SCES for the centenary.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the contribution St John's has made to the local community throughout its history and to re-affirm our mission *Ad Coelos* in the Marist way, All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus.



Fr Steven Mulholland celebrated Mass for the whole school on Ascension Day in Our Lady of Victories, Arthurstone Terrace, Dundee

Researched by Sean Murphy, a next generation nephew of Captain Fr Shine

Centenary Mass at St Joseph's honours its fallen WWI priest

James Shine was born at Ballylaffin youngest child of Thomas Shine and Mary Anglim. He went to school in the local school at Gormanstown and the Master wanted him to remain and be a monitor. James told the Master that he wanted to be a priest and the Master beat him up so severely that James never went back to that school. The Master at that time was very anti the Catholic religion.

He was ordained priest on 21st June 1908 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Waterford, for the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, by Bishop Alphonsus Sheehan. Fr James was a very fine tall man who rode to hounds with the local hunt that was unusual for a small Catholic farmer's son at that time. He was sent on loan to the English Mission from 1908 to 1911 and in 1911 he went to Scotland to the Diocese of Dunkeld where he spent the rest of his clerical ministry. The records book for 1913 shows: "*Fr Shine, the curate, has ably assisted Canon Lavelle in the work of the parish. He was then living at Melville Street, Perth. While there he bought a typewriter from the Empire Typewriter company in Glasgow. In 1913 Fr James was transferred to St Mary's Lochee, Dundee.*"

In March 1914 he received the following Letter from Bishop Robert Fraser:- *Dear Fr Shine, I am very sorry to have again to change you but Mgr. Holder needs two very strong energetic and zealous assistants and so I am sending Fr McDonnell and you to him and I am sure you will make his work as easy as possible. You will therefore be at St Joseph's on the 20th March 1915, Begging God to bless your work, +Robert, Bishop of Dunkeld*

So, Fr James was transferred to St Joseph's Dundee. His parish priest at St Joseph's was Mgr Joseph Holder, Vicar General of the Diocese of Dunkeld. Mgr Holder was an old man and he left the work of the Vicar general in the hands of Fr James. In such position he had to contend with the Government of the day on many diverse matters such as the rights of Catholic Prison Chaplains in Dundee.

He was very progressive in that he had his own typewriter that he bought on 28th May 1913. A contemporary account states.....

"Perhaps the tallest priest in Scotland, he was a commanding personality, and with his homely, hearty Irish manner he had many

and the further 235 men of St Joseph's Parish, Dundee, who gave their lives in the Great War, some with relatives who are current parishioners

friends in Perth, Lochee and St Joseph's Dundee, to whom he was attached during his detachment from his native Ireland. He was one of those willing disciples who so readily gave their service to the work of the Scottish Mission and his labours in Dunkeld Diocese were of a valuable and edifying nature."

The Great War was raging in France and Fr James, who was due to return home to the Waterford and Lismore Diocese, felt that his duty now lay in assisting the men engaged in that Imperial conflict. There was only 17 Catholic Chaplains in the Armed forces at this time. An urgent appeal was made for Chaplains in the Forces and on 7th Oct. 1915 Fr James and a fellow priest Fr John Stuart were appointed as Army Chaplains. From then he was Captain The Reverend James Shine, Commissioned into the Royal Army Chaplains Department. His address at that time was 39 Panton Street, Haymarket, Middlesex. His cheque book account shows that he lived in digs in London. It seems while undergoing Army Training as he was now to be commissioned as an officer in the Army. His bank account was based in McGregirs Bank which looked after army pay for officers.

On the first of June 1916 he entered France with the Middlesex Regiment. For two years he served in France experiencing the horror of war at first hand. He was stationed right in the heart of the Somme slaughter. He came home to Ballylaffin on leave of absence in July 1917 during this period. On his way from France he came through Waterford and spent the night in the Ursuline Convent saying Mass next day for the nuns and visiting his aunt Sr Barbara Anglim.

He was a great favourite with the children while on holidays and he used to throw

pennies into the air for them to scramble for. Alas, his brief visit came to an end and he returned to France never again to see home. His mother Mary fell and broke her hip and died in Feb. 1918 but he did not get home for the funeral. On the ninth of April 1918 Jim Keeling of The Brook, Portrane served Mass for him for the last time.

This was at the height of the great German Spring offensive of 1918. The 21st Bn Middlesex regiment was a machine-gun battalion, the cornerstone of the divisional defence and therefore one of the main targets of the German artillery in that sector. Main article: Battle of the Lys (1918). Michael had drawn British forces to defend Amiens, leaving the rail route through Hazebrouck and the approaches to the Channel ports of Calais, Boulogne and Dunkirk vulnerable. German success here could choke the British into defeat.

The attack started on 9 April after a Feuerwalze. The main attack was made on the open and flat sector defended by the Portuguese Expeditionary Corps. After an entire year spent in the trenches, the Portuguese were tired and had suffered heavy losses. They were being replaced in the front line by fresh British divisions, an operation that was planned to be completed on 9 April, the same day as the Germans attacked the sector. The process of relief in place was poorly organized by the British First Army's command, and the Portuguese 1st Division had been withdrawn to the rear on the 6 April, leaving the Portuguese 2nd Division to defend the entire sector alone. They were left with an extensive 7 mi (11 km) front, without natural obstacles which could favour the defense.

Hit hard by the Feuerwalze bombardment and under the assault of eight German divisions, the Portuguese 2nd Division made a desperate defense, trying to hold their positions, which, however, were rapidly enveloped and overrun by the masses of German forces. The 2nd Division was virtually annihilated, losing more than 7,000 men. The British 40th Division, on the northern flank of the Portuguese, also rapidly collapsed before the attack, opening a gap that further facilitated the envelopment of the Portuguese by the Germans. However, under much less pressure from the Germans and occupying good defensive positions protected by the La Bassée Canal, the British 55th Division on the southern flank of the Portuguese were able to hold much of their position throughout the battle.

The next day, the Germans widened their attack to the north, forcing the defenders of



Armentieres to withdraw before they were surrounded, and capturing most of the Messines Ridge. By the end of the day, the few British divisions in reserve were hard-pressed to hold a line along the River Lys.

Without French reinforcements, it was feared that the Germans could advance the remaining 15 mi (24 km) to the ports within a week. The commander of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, issued an 'Order of the Day' on 11 April stating: "With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end."

However, the German offensive had stalled because of logistical problems and exposed flanks. Counterattacks by British, French, American[citation needed], and ANZAC forces slowed and stopped the German advance. Ludendorff ended Georgette on 29 April.

As with Michael, losses were roughly equal, approximately 110,000 men wounded or killed, each. Again, the strategic results were disappointing for the Germans. Hazebrouck remained in Allied hands and the Germans occupied a vulnerable salient under fire from three sides. The British abandoned the comparatively worthless territory they had captured at vast cost the previous year around Ypres, freeing several divisions to face the German attackers. Later that day Father James was wounded while ministering to the dying, under fire on the battlefield and was taken to hospital.

He died on 21st April 1918 at the Military Hospital, Boulogne, France whilst serving as Chaplain attached to 21st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, aged 37 years.

The Glasgow Observer of May 4 1918 reports on his death as follows:- "Many hearts were sad in Dundee when it was learned that Fr Shine had died of wounds received in the battlefield while ministering to the wounded and dying. In spirit he heard the voices of his wounded countrymen on the battlefield calling for his spiritual help that only a priest of God can give. So leaving the comparative comfort and security of work at home he answered the call and sought to serve his God and help his fellow man in a very inferno of German lead, where to remain unscathed would be a miracle. Fr Shine made light of the reeking messengers of death from the reeking mouths of the enemy cannons and calmly knelt at the side of a dying man in order to send his soul clean and undefiled before its God. Injured severely, he lingered for a few days but his sturdy frame was unable to resist the effects of the blow he received. He died a hero's death....."

The Catholic Record of May 1918 reports the Death of Diocesan Army chaplain.

"At the moment of going to press we learn with deep regret that the Rev James Shine died on 21st April from wounds received in the recent fighting in France. Fr Shine was a native of the parish of Ballylooby and was ordained in the Cathedral nearly eight years ago. He had been serving on a temporary mission in Dundee when early in the war he volunteered as army chaplain. Fr Shine's death following so soon on that of Father Looby (Cahir), suggests what a self sacrificing and indeed heroic part played by those of our young priests who volunteered as chaplains for the front."

On Fr Patrick Looby: "At the Battle of Loos Sept/Oct 1915 Fr Patrick Looby from Cahir was wounded but he returned to duty

after recovery. He was subsequently killed on 26th October 1917 at the Third battle of Ypres commonly called Passchendale. Fr Looby was firstly described as missing in action and only later when collated from survivors of the battle, was he declared on War Office authority to have died in action."

The Catholic Record of June 1918, the Rev W. Ryan writes to us from the Principal Chaplain's Office, Boulogne, giving details of Fr James Shine's death.

"Poor Father Shine died quiet unexpectedly on Sunday the 21st inst. His wounds, which were very bad, seemed to be healing nicely and in the opinion of the doctors and nurses, there was no reason why he should not recover. I was with him on Sunday morning and gave him Holy Communion. I called to see him again in the afternoon and remained with him till 4pm. He did not appear to be worse than on the previous days. I came back here and almost immediately I was rung up on the telephone and asked to go back as quickly as possible. When I got back at 4.30pm. he was dead. R.I.P. Apparently he went off without a struggle. I had Solemn Requiem Mass for him at St Nicholas' Parish Church, at which all the priests of the area attended. I was the celebrant: Fr Lane Fox OSB, deacon and Fr Healy, sub deacon. In the choir- Fr Rawlinson (Principal Chaplain), Fr Kean, Fr McDonald, Father Frail, Fr Luch, Fr Ahearn, C.S.S.R., Fr Cagney, C.S.S.R., M.le Doyen, M. l'Abbe Dejardin and l'Abbe Cocart. The above were also at the funeral."

Fr James was buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Plot 7, Row B, Grave 40. He was awarded the British War medal and the Victory Medal (posthumously). His name is inscribed on the War Memorial in Cahir 'Royal Army Chaplains Department Rev. J. Shine.' His name is recorded on the family stone at Duhill churchyard Co Tipperary 'Son Rev James Shine, France, 21 April 1918. Aged 37 years.'



Present day members of Captain Shine's family gathers for the 100th Anniversary Memorial Mass - with St Joseph's parish priest Fr Leszek Wiececzek and Deacon Ron Wylie

Rosary, Holy Hour and an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Our Lady of Fatima statues to

During Rosary and Benediction at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, Bishop Stephen Robson blessed four Pilgrim Statues of Our Lady of Fatima which were taken to deaneries across the diocese where they will be received into the homes of families, who will keep them for a week, inviting others to prayer the Rosary with them, before moving onto another home.

The service opened with a Procession and Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady, followed by an Act of Consecration to Our Blessed Lady.

Flowers were carried in the procession by children from the parishes of St Fillan's, Newport, St Fillan's, Crieff and SS Peter and Paul's, Dundee together with the Religious Sisters in the diocese. Bishop Stephen was assisted by Deacons Harry Schnitker and Krzysztof Jablonski. The organist was the Cathedral's Administrator, Canon Kevin Golden. The occasion came at the close of events marking the 100th Anniversary year of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

Among those present was Mr Jim Murphy (Glasgow) and Mrs Pat Dowey (Dundee), both are members of the Family Messengers of Mary Immaculate Queen (Scotland) who are helping to promote devotions to Our Lady in people's homes.

Each deanery is committed to aid families in responding to the requests made by the Blessed Mary during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: Returning to God - turning away from sin and obey the ten Commandments; Making reparation for sins - by practicing some form of penance and sacrifice in atonement for our own sins and the sins of others; and Praying the Rosary for Peace.

The commitment required of those families desiring to welcome Mary into their homes is threefold.

- Make a special effort to avoid sin during her presence.
- Perform some form of penance or sacrifice during the week of her visit in reparation for sin.
- Pray the Rosary as a family in the presence of her statue each day, or at least whatever part of a Rosary can be accomplished.



Bishop Stephen blesses the Pilgrim Statues



Bishop



Fr Martin Pletts, parish priest at St James' Kinross, was invited to give a Reflection on Mary



Children and religious follow with flowers as Gavin Low (right) and Jim Murphy carry Our Lady in procession around St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary taken into homes of prayer



Top Stephen, with (L-R) Sr Mary Delphine, Pauline Porter, Maria Bartlett and Audrey Toshney who will carry the Pilgrim Statues to the deaneries and into homes across the diocese.



Crowning of Our Lady



The procession approaches the altar of Our Lady



Benediction



"Mary is the most loved woman in the history of the world."

NEWS AND PICTURES FROM

International delight at St John's, Perth



The parish of St John the Baptist, Perth, continues to be enriched by its international communities. In the early years, Scottish Highlanders and the Irish communities arrived in Perth in search of a better way of life. Then Italians and a first generation of Polish families joined the parish during

the 20th century. Their combined contributions over the past 175 and more years is seen in the lifeblood and the fabric of the parish. In recent years families from Poland, India and the Philippines have been at the forefront of a new wave of migration which has brought new life to St John's.

While still proud of their own traditions, Polish and Syro-Malabar Masses are regularly celebrated, the families are increasingly being integrated in the parish and schools.

The event was coordinated by Deacon Len Moir who said, "This is a popular event in the calendar and there is a lot to celebrate, taking in the best of all cultures in song, dance and delicacies."

Among the entertainers were the Perth Polish Scouts and Guides directed by Kasią Długołęcką; the Polish Children's Choir directed by Magdalena Dubanowska (which also led the praise at the International Mass); Highland Dancers from Kilgraston School provided a special Scottish flavour to the evening which was rounded off by the Filipino and Indian communities whose acts proved that you are never too young to be a star!

Mgr Martin Drysdale and Fr Bogdan Palka concelebrated an International Mass at the start of the evening, with words of welcome and thanks to all enriching the life of the parish community over the years.



Our Lady of Victories steals the limelight



Ged Gilmartin, Jim Reilly, Shaun Grogan, Andy Ferrie and Fr Steven Mulholland, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories and St Patrick's Churches in Dundee, display their consummate acting skills in *The Republic of Dundee II*.

Parishioners of Our Lady of Victories and St Patrick's Churches in Dundee took to the stage to raise money for Aid to the Church in Need. They performed two hilarious plays written by parishioner, Gerry Fulton. *The Republic of Dundee* and its sequel, imaginatively titled *Republic of Dundee II*, tell the story of Tam Scobie, Lord Provost of Dundee who, disappointed by the referendum result against Scottish independence, is moved to declare UDI for Dundee – “Yes” City. In the sequel the momentum builds as, having established

Dundee as an independent city state, Tam is determined that it should be afforded the respect it deserves and sets plans in motion to put Dundee on the map by sending one of its own MPs into Space.

The last time we heard of an actor who followed his vocation as a priest, his journey took him to St Peter's in Rome - and he ultimately became Pope St John Paul II. Father Mulholland we are all watching this space!

The performance of *The Republic of Dundee II* was given to a full house at the Little Theatre in Dundee, raised an impressive £800 for the Charity Aid to the Church in Need, which supports people who are persecuted or oppressed because of their faith.

Fr Jim Walls appointed to Scots College in Rome

Fr James Walls, currently parish priest of St Pius X parish in Dundee, has been appointed by the Scottish Bishops' Conference as Spiritual Director of the Pontifical Scots College in Rome.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Stephen said, “I am absolutely delighted that the Bishops have decided to appoint Father James Walls as spiritual director to the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. As a former Spiritual Director in Rome myself, I can recognise great qualities, spiritual, intellectual and moral in Fr Jim's priestly ministry. He has been well trained in spiritual direction and accompaniment, and together with his pastoral experience as parish priest in a large North Dundee Catholic Parish Community, I believe him to be an ideal choice to serve the community of seminarians there and as an effective collaborator with Fr Fitzpatrick the Rector and Fr Parkes the Vice Rector.”

Bishop Stephen added, “Fr Jim will be going to Rome, Salamanca and for training in the USA from the end of May onwards and will take up his new role in September. Fr Jim has my full support and I wish him many blessings and congratulations.”

Reacting to his appointment, Fr Jim Walls told Dunkeld News, “I would like to give thanks to God, and the bishops of Scotland, in appointing me as Spiritual Director in the Scots College. I would also like to give thanks to my brother and sister-in-law for taking my mum into their home; without this generosity, the decision would have been much more difficult. I look forward to getting to know those men who have generously put themselves forward for the priesthood.”

Fr Dan Fitzpatrick, Rector of the Scots College welcomed the new appointment but first paid tribute to Fr Jim's predecessor, also from Dunkeld Diocese. Fr Dan said, “I would also like to thank Fr Mark Cassidy, our departing spiritual director, for his hard work and positive contribution to our seminarians and to the College during his seven years here. I would like to thank Bishop Stephen Robson for his on-going support for the College.”

Perfect pictures aid Tullibody Care Home



Parishioner at St Bernadette's, Tullibody, were so impressed by their parish priest's talent for photography that they sent some of his pictures to a local company who used them to create a calendar. All of the profits from the sale Fr Mike Freyne's calendars were donated to Orchard Care Home, Tullibody. Fr Mike and Jill McPherson are giving a cheque for £600 to Charge Nurse Alexis Robertson of Orchard Care Home.

NEWS IN BRIEF

23rd May - Latin High Mass

Bishop Schneider, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Astana Kazakhstan, visited the Archdiocese of Glasgow and Dunkeld Diocese to celebrate Mass for the Latin Mass community. He celebrated Mass in the Diocese on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018 in the evening. Prior to the Mass he gave a spiritual conference.

31st May - Day for Life

The Annual Day for Life takes place on the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. On this day we celebrated human life in all its dimensions but particularly for its protection and promotion. The day was on the theme of human trafficking. It will be a time of prayer for the families suffering from human trafficking and slavery in all its forms, that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through.

3rd June - Corpus Christi Procession

The annual Corpus Christi procession takes place at the Diocesan Centre at Lawside Convent, in the Chapel and the Grounds, on Sunday, 3rd June at 3pm. It will consist of Adoration, Procession, Homily and Benediction with devotions to the Blessed Sacrament.

7th June - Education Mass

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. The icon will visit our Diocese in June this year starting with the Annual Schools' Mass, at 7pm, on Thursday 7th June, which will be celebrated in St Andrew's Cathedral, hosted by St Andrew's Primary, Dundee.

22nd June - Fr Tony McCarthy's Diamond Jubilee Mass

Mass and reception at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry, to mark the 60th anniversary of Fr Tony McCarthy's priestly ordination.

26th June - Re-opening and Dedication of St Stephen's, Blairgowrie

Following a major restoration programme, St Stephen's opens its doors again for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen at 7pm.

8th July - Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday is when parishes are asked to encourage prayer and to make a contribution through a second collection to support the important work of the Apostleship of the Sea. We know that this collection is vital for their support to seafarers.

St Dominic's, Crieff, find a new angle for their fund raising campaigns



St Dominic's RC PS and Early Learning Childcare, Crieff finished their Lenten fundraising for Mary's Meals and SCIAF with a sponsored walk to the top of The Knock in Crieff just before Easter.

The children also held a French Café, a World Book Dress up Day, a Nursery Café,

proceeds from their school shows and raffles along with donations from The Nutcracker Shop based in Crieff. They also collected loose change for the Wee Box and held weekly Porridge Breakfasts during Lent. The total raised was £4415. This was doubled by the Government making an amazing total of £8830!

Warm welcome for Bishop at St Columba's, Cupar



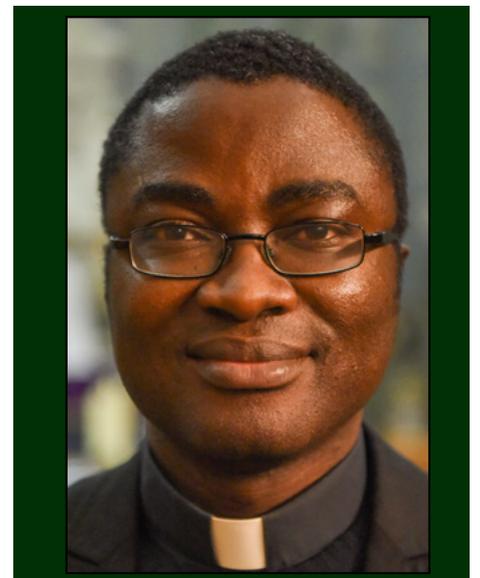
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Bishop Stephen makes a Pastoral Visit to St Columba's Primary School, Cupar

Dunkeld Youth Service

Our Young People are getting ready to take part in European Life-Teen summer camp in Helvoirt, in the Netherlands between July 23rd-28th 2018. This year's theme is 'Heart of God'. The camp is for 12-19 years old. Youth Director, Fr Sam Alabi and all those taking part in this year's event invite you to join them for a fundraising Quiz Night in St John's, Perth, at 7pm on Friday 29th June.

The National Youth Event which was scheduled for 9th June, in St Andrews, has been postponed until Autumn 2019. It will now take place after the World Youth Day in Mexico. (January 22-27, 2019).



Colette McCourt (16) reports on her experiences on the March for Life

“Shame on you, shame on you!” Having this screamed at us on our entry into Parliament Square on the final leg of the March for Life 2018 I was blown away by the anger directed our way from the 70 or so pro-abortion activists waiting to greet us. It made me sad. How could these women get our intentions so wrong?

I really should have been studying for my higher exams but I felt having been given the opportunity, it was important that I join the many pro-life groups getting together to speak up for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn child and their mothers.

Our day started with a number of inspiring speakers including Christie Spurling CEO of N-Gage, who spoke about the trauma he endured being told by his adoptive parents that he was the product of the rape of his mother by her father. Christie understandably fell into a pattern of self-destructive behaviour feeling very negative about himself and all around him. He recollection of turning his life around by becoming a youth worker and helping others was truly humbling. What struck me was how thankful he felt towards his mother for giving him the chance to live and his determination to pay back in his own way the sacrificial love of his mother by serving other vulnerable people in his community.

We also heard from Charlotte Fien, a 21 year old Down's Syndrome woman. Charlotte was amazing. I could never stand up in front of such a huge crowd but she spoke to us with such confidence and passion about the discrimination faced by unborn children diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. I later found out that Charlotte does a great deal of public speaking having been invited to address the UN amongst others. Later I learned to my amazement, that Down Syndrome has virtually been eradicated in Iceland due to screening and in England and Wales 90% of the babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome are aborted.

The March itself was wonderful. It was so nice to be part of such a large group of people all making a very public statement about the sanctity of life. I marched with my older brother and Sister Jess from the Sisters of the Gospel of Life, a pro-life initiative in Glasgow which helps women in crisis pregnancy.

Once we had “run the gauntlet” past Sis-

ter Supporter and other pro-abortion activists, we gathered in Parliament Square.

We heard from Rachael McKenzie who works for “Rachael's Vineyard”, a post abortion counselling service. Rachael's speech was raw and harrowing. Her testimony of the two sons she had “murdered” through abortion was heart breaking. As hard as it was to hear Rachael's story, it did give me hope that those who protested against us with screams and chants on our peripheries might hear what she has to say and recognise something in themselves in her story that might bring them healing.

We also heard from Clare McCullough, founder of the Good Counsel Network. Clare's group have had a great deal of press recently (none of it positive) regarding the enforcement of buffer zones near abortion clinics in England. The Good Counsel Network have stood outside abortion clinics in London for 23 years offering women practical help and support as an alternative to abortion with up until recently no complaints. With the introduction of a buffer zone by Ealing council it now means that this help is some 100 metres away from the clinic. I must admit I did have some reservations about pro-life groups standing outside hospitals and clinics and wasn't so sure it was a good thing but after hearing Clare's speech it made me rethink this opinion.

We heard from two young women who had been helped by the Good Counsel Network at the Marie Stopes clinic in Ealing. They had both wanted to continue with their pregnancies but with no support felt that abortion was their only option. They both spoke of how the Good Council Network had helped them in so many ways providing practical and emotional support. When they introduced us to their beautiful daughters I realised that any reservations I had about pro-life groups having a quiet presence outside clinics were unfounded. As Clare McCullough said “this is exactly where we need to be”.

I was really struck by the anger directed towards us by pro-abortion activists and saddened that they were feeling so aggressive towards us. I certainly don't feel shame in standing up for the rights of the unborn child and actively helping their mothers in fact quite the opposite as with the other estimated 4000 people who attended I know...

“Every Life Deserves Love”

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Dundee and Perth Catenians are entertained in style



This year's programme for the Dundee and Perth Catenian Association opened with entertainment by Marcin Pokusa, a music teacher from Poland whose work has been performed for Popes and presidents, and whose religious compositions have been danced to by over a million young people at the World Youth Day in Krakow.

Marcin performed and sang as his story was unfolded by his sister-in-law, Dorota Marcinec, a Perth and Kinross Council Community Link Worker.

Dorota said, "Marcin has a strong love for the traditional music of his beloved highland Poland, amidst the Tatra Mountains, but has also studied opera and performed with the Silesian and Krakow Opera. He is a

graduate of the Academies of Music in Katowice and Poznań and is now a teacher at the State Music School in Mielec, Poland."

"As a teacher, performer and composer he inspires a new generation of church musicians and has much to share."

"Most influential in his life was an encounter with Dominican priest, Fr Jan Gora, whose work with young people saw the setting up of a Retreat Centre a chaplaincy centre on the Jamna Mountain, near Tarnów, and a Youth Festival at Lednica that now attracts around 80,000 pilgrims annually. In Fr Jan's work with the youth, he liaised closely with a young Fr Karol Wojtyła, who later became Pope John Paul II."

"When Pope John Paul II visited Poland,

he flew over the Jamna and Lednica to give his blessing to the work being done there.

Marcin and Fr Jan visited the Polish Pope many times in Rome and following the Pope's death in 2005, Marcin wrote a litany which was performed on Polish TV during the funeral broadcast. He was also invited to perform at his canonisation (2014). He composed a welcome song for the official music trailer announcing Pope Benedict's first visit to Poland. Marcin's modern composition for the Divine Mercy prayer is gaining great popularity."

Appropriately, it was Sheriff Kevin Veal, himself a noted church musician, and President of the Scottish Association of Organists, who was called upon to give the vote of thanks.

The local Circle of the Catenian Association have a series of after dinner speakers and entertainment planned for the year ahead. Beginning in June with talks by Mary O'Duffin on the 'New Evangelisation'; October, the Verdant Works, by John Quinn; and March 2019 the City of Aleppo, by Zabieh Shihada Alsamaan, a Syrian Christian, with family still living in the war-torn city. On a lighter note, members are looking ahead to Burns Suppers, Christmas Dinners and Quiz and Games Nights.

For more details on how to become a member, please visit <https://www.stjohns-perth.org.uk/organisations/catenians/>



If you have a QR app on your phone just point your camera at this code

Top commendation for Stanislaw's Story

Stanislaw Rakowski, a pupil at St Thomas' Primary School in Arbroath, received a Highly Commended award in the British Council Commonwealth Short Story competition. He said, "I felt really happy to win and did not think I would be in one of the top places out of 3000 children across the world. That's really amazing and I am very proud of myself. The idea for my story just popped into my head when my class were discussing imaginative writing criteria."

Stanislaw's story 'The Mysterious Bully Formula' was described by the British Council as a charming tale about a sibling's struggle against their brother and school bullies, the author playfully subverts our narrative expectations while tackling the theme of peace with a sense of fun.



Afternoon prayer and tea

The Bishop met recently in Kinnoull Monastery with a group of diocesan priests and Religious for Afternoon Prayer, followed by an afternoon tea. Bishop Stephen encouraged us to continue our meetings, and to dialogue together and try to see what are the pressing needs in the diocese and where we can evangelise more effectively.

The next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on the 20th of June, in the Diocesan Centre, to which all Religious and priests are welcome. The meeting will end by 3.45pm.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet at St Mary's Kinnoull



St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth was this year's venue for the Union of Catholic Mothers (Scotland)'s National Annual Retreat. Around 100 members travelled the Fair City from Motherwell, Paisley, St Andrews & Edinburgh and Dunkeld dioceses to take part in the retreat which was led by their Episcopal Director and Spiritual Adviser Bishop Stephen.

(L-R) National Treasurer Shirley Toole, National President Pauline Porter, Bishop Stephen and National Secretary Florence Reid

St Bernadette's and St John Vianney parishes unite in support of their Ugandan project

The parishes of St Bernadette's, Tullibody, St Mungo's, Alloa and St John Vianney's, Alva once again committed themselves to a joint missionary project. Besides sharing and supporting others the aim was to make themselves aware, and especially the children, about those in need.

Fr Mike Freyne MHM reports, "We chose to support a school in Uganda that had been used as a concentration camp during the civil war and afterwards the Diocese of Soroto had taken over and reformed as best it could. One of the major challenges was drinking water. We offered to finance two large storage water tanks. This was for a total cost of £5,000 and since between us we collected £5,637 the rest of the money went towards a borehole in St Benedict's school in the same diocese. This is part of the project report we received. It perhaps makes us think what we thought was so mundane and simple has in fact been extremely beneficial. Ceredo is the Diocese of Soroto's education department."

Feedback from Uganda

"It had been hard going for us to access water for use during our periods and that made us always stay home for days. I am now happy I can wash myself and keep my hygiene during my menses and after using the latrines. I will now stay with my friends the girls to stay and finish school and move to the next level."

Akwi Frances, P6

"It has been a step forward for the school to have this project of sanitation support. Now the teachers can prepare for lessons early enough and likewise the pupils. There are going to be no delays in the school programs which had been the case. I now also expect the challenges of the water borne diseases like typhoid, diarrhoea, cough skin and eye diseases to no longer be a big problem. A lot had been spent on this to secure treatment for the children in the families in the past and also the school infirmary. There will also be no more de-worming of the children as there is now clean and safe water for use and for drinking... This is going to support our girl learners as they can wash without any problem and it will curb the rate of drop out."

Okwameri Francis, Head teacher

DIOCESE OF DUNKELD A Celebration of Missionary Activity

10am-4pm, Saturday 13th October

Diocesan Centre

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We invite all parishes to send about three people who are in some way involved in "missionary" activity either at home or abroad.

Representatives could be from the SCIAF group, MISSIO, Justice & Peace, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Lourdes Group soup kitchen, a specific missionary fundraising group, parish group involved in the neighbourhood, community market garden, hospital visiting.....

We all try to live Jesus' mission in all its diversity

3pm - Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

More details from Fr Mike Freyne MHM - 01259 213274

Rosary on the Coast - at Arbroath



Photo courtesy of Eddie Mahoney

Many parishes across the diocese responded to the call to recite the Rosary around the Coast of the United Kingdom.

Parishioners in Dunkeld's coastal parishes gathered in the church garden at St Thomas', Arbroath, at the Shrine of Mary, Star of the Sea, with Bishop Stephen Robson to recite the Five Glorious Mysteries for Peace around the World, for Respect for Life and Faith.

St Thomas' parish priest, Fr Michael Carrie, welcomed parishioners not only from the town of Arbroath, but also from St Bride's, Monifieth, St Anne's, Carnoustie, St Margaret's Montrose, St Columba's, Cupar, St Ninian's, Brechin, St Stephen's, Blairgowrie, Ss Peter and Paul's, Dundee, St Ninian's and St Clement's Dundee and St John the Baptist, Perth.

They hunger and thirst for even better things

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...growing economic insecurity and anxiety, with constantly changing fashions, trends, habits and ways of living, our confused youth and young adults are conspicuous by their absence at Church. But positively, there is a growing realization that the young are disillusioned by consumerism and big business. There is among them a great quest for spirituality and meaning and living justly and uprightly. We can see the obvious thirst for community, friendship, identity and belonging among them, witnessed to by the amount of time the young spend on social media — longing for connection, affirmation and conversation. Yet none of these things ultimately satisfy them. The hunger and the thirst for even better things remains."

"The challenge to all of us in the Church is that if we are to have a vibrant future we need to engage with the lives of our children and young people. The conversation of faith needs to meet people where they are and present a welcoming and attractive approach to the life of faith. In spite of the common belief that youth and the more mature and even elderly are poles apart in the way they think and act, the connections and the fears and the values are not as far apart as we might think. So what connects us now? What brings together parents, children, young people, mature people and the elderly into a dialogue where they can learn from each other?"

"Pope Francis recognises this as a worldwide need and is part of the inspiration in calling a Synod on Youth, Discernment and Vocation in Rome later this year. In fact, some of our youth have already contributed to the preparations for this event in our Diocese."

Sacrament of Confirmation

"Perhaps what is needed most today is conversation with our young people about how to live well, as boys and girls, men and women, made in the image and likeness of God. Parents especially by example can convince their children who they are in God's eyes and how they can 'choose life wisely'"

"It seems to me that our new arrangements for the Sacrament of Confirmation beginning in 2018-2019 are a great oppor-

tunity to embrace, encourage and invite our young people and their families to a new conversation of renewal and faith. From now on, beginning this Autumn, our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at a more mature age, about the age of 12, when usually they are in Primary 7, an age when they may be able better to appreciate the gift of Faith in their lives."

"Dear parents, priests and teachers please seize this opportunity to 'kindle into a flame' the gift of faith that sadly, even now, our young people are in danger of losing. Help them prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation; help them celebrate the sacrament of Confession regularly, attend Mass every week and to begin to appreciate how the Holy Spirit is choosing to 'fill them with his sevenfold gifts' and the 'fruits of that same Holy Spirit'. What a powerful combination this would be for young hearts to realise how precious in God's eyes they are!"

"We recognise that faith is a gift of God, not a membership card for an exclusive club, and we must be sincere and unabashed in seeking out the lost, bewildered, or disenchanted members of our flock to encounter the Lord in the life of faith, community and Sacraments."

+ Stephen Robson

Yours devotedly,
+ Stephen Robson
Bishop of Dunkeld

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