

DUNKELD NEWS

Diocesan Newsletter of the Bishop of Dunkeld

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New opportunities for Parish Catechists and Catholic Teachers - see pages 3-5

Cupar parish celebrates new honour



Bishop Stephen Robson visited St Columba's, Cupar, to honour its parish priest on his appointment as a Monsignor, a title which makes him an honorary chaplain to the Pope.

A few weeks earlier, Mgr Pat McNally had been installed as Provost to Dunkeld's Cathedral Canons, following the retirement of Provost Ken McBride.

Provost Pat's appointment is in recognition, by the wider Church, of his lifetime of service. Bishop Stephen said, "it was a tribute not only to Mgr Pat's long service as a priest in the diocese but all of the work he has done for Lourdes through his work with HCPT and as a Diocesan Trustee. It was a honour too for the whole parish who have worked together to support Mgr McNally over so many years."

Cathedral Canons welcome their newest member

At Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, members of the Cathedral Chapter gathered with Bishop Stephen for a ceremony that saw the appointment of Canon Pat McNally as Provost of the Chapter, as well as the installation of its newest member, Canon Neil Gallagher (*see page 2*).

When the Cathedral Chapter was re-established in Dunkeld Diocese, on 16th July 1895, it came just after the restoration of the hierarchy. Its members are mandated to ensure the worthy celebration of liturgy in the Cathedral Church, celebrate the Divine office and assist the bishop in the governance of the Diocese. In his homily Bishop Stephen reminded those present of the continuing need for the Chapter to provide guidance and oversight to the changes in the diocese. He thanked all the Canons for their wise counsel and support.

(Back L-R) - Mgr Aldo Angelosanto, Mgr Ken McCaffrey, Mgr Charles Hendry, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan and Mgr Martin Drysdale; (Front L-R) Mgr Pat McNally, Bishop Stephen and Canon Neil Gallagher (Mgr John Harty was unable to attend)



Photo - Eddie Mahoney

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New Chapter for Canon Neil



Bishop Stephen installed Canon Neil Gallagher (St Columba's, Kirkton and Ss Leonard's and Fergus', Dundee) as Dunkeld's newest Canon. Congratulations also to Canon Neil on the news that he too is to be made a Monsignor, an Honorary Chaplain to the Pope.

Jubilarians head for Rome to celebrate



Fr Tobias Okorro and Fr Tony McCarthy flew to Rome, at the invitation of the Staff and Students of the Scots College, to celebrate their Priestly Jubilees, Diamond and Silver respectively. They celebrated Mass in the College Chapel on the Feast of St Andrew.

Mary O'Duffin's message to existing and aspiring Catechists

Sparkling Joy!



As we journey through the winter months, longing for the comfort of lengthening days, the hopes of Spring and new growth, there is a natural impulse towards living well and returning to what gives joy, purpose and meaning.

You may have embarked on a 'Dry January' or made some New Year's resolutions that you have struggled to keep. It can be difficult to keep to a resolve when not in company with others, hence the popularity of running or dieting associations where, in community with others and shared purpose, we can share joys and sorrows, successes and failures and incrementally, sometimes imperceptibly move forward and approach the cherished goal that we seek.

It strikes me that there is a universal human experience of longing for authenticity, fullness of life and simplicity. Two modern enthusiasms illustrate this very well.

The first: Bullet Journaling is a time management system that promises to Track The Past; Order The Present; and Design The Future. In essence it helps a person to chart what really matters and record that simply and concisely and then live by those priorities, professionally and personally. Pinterest is awash with interpretations of this basic premise, but the idea is simple: spend more of your time and energy on what really matters – and the reward is increased happiness and purpose!

Another current trend is decluttering and tidying by Marie Kondo where we ask of our possessions and belongings: What sparks joy? The promise of such an approach is a pared down, simplified and satisfying way of life in an increasingly com-



plex and scattering modern world. Peace, harmony and joyful living are the fruits.

The current desires in the hearts of so many casts light on our experience of faith and Parish and the hunger of many for direction, community, vocation and pilgrimage – not so different from the longings we see in the wider society at this present time.

On the 7th of January 2019, Bishop Stephen invited us all to gather for a day of formation and faith sharing as catechists and aspiring catechists in the Diocese of Dunkeld.

The hope was that the graces of this day would help us to rediscover what sparks joy in our faith journey and how we can value our faith heritage; order our resources at parish and diocesan level; and plan and design for our future as a community of faith, hospitality and outreach. We also wanted to establish a common vision of the essentials of our faith and develop a way of proceeding in order to cherish and nurture the faithful in our diocese.

Through individual conversations and comments in response to the vision of Bishop Stephen, and the awareness of where we are challenged to develop and grow in our faith in our beloved diocese, it was apparent that there was a significant energy and thirst for faith-filled dialogue and conversation; and commitment and opportunity for learning and discovery of how we might move forward together in our roles as catechists in parishes across the Diocese of Dunkeld.

The first step in our journey together is to gather for a sequence of 11 sessions studying Echoes, a programme of Pastoral Formation. These sessions will take place at 7pm on Monday 25th February 2019 in the Lawside Pastoral Centre, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY. Sessions will be weekly up until Holy Week and then resume after Eastertide.

Do consider registering for this course if you are an existing or aspiring Catechist with bishops-secretary@dunkelldioocese.org.uk. Bishop Stephen, as our chief catechist, looks forward to journeying with you as we plan for our growth and development as a Diocesan Community.

Further opportunities for deepening our prayer and devotion and ministry to each other are planned. For example the online Lenten retreat provided by the Jesuits in Britain is being supported by me, Mary O'Duffin, with weekly gathering points for shared reflection and guidance in prayer.

We plan to meet at 7pm on Tuesdays during Lent at Lawside Pastoral Centre, Dundee, starting on Tuesday 5th March 2019, with a parallel session in St John the Baptist's Church Hall, Perth, on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 13th March.

There is a possibility, according to need, that we will run the **Programme of Echoes Pastoral Formation** in two weekends for those who travel from the farthest parts of our Diocese. Beautifully produced printed booklets are available free of charge for those who prefer to pray with a pamphlet rather than a tablet device or smartphone. Please contact mary.oduffin@dunkelldioocese.org.uk to register.

A further opportunity to deepen our understanding and devotion to the eucharist is planned with our Eucharistic Congress to be held 17th-19th May 2019. Details to follow in the next edition of Dunkeld News.

The relics of St Therese of Lisieux will visit the Diocese in September 2019, an opportunity for us to invoke the intercession of the Patron saint of Mission for our developing identity and outreach.

It is a joy and a privilege for me to work with so many wonderful people in the Diocese of Dunkeld. While not my home diocese it has become a "home from home" and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible over the coming weeks and months. Let the parable of the Pearl of Great Price and The Mustard Seed be in our hearts and minds as we explore these challenges for growth and enrichment. Let us place them all in our prayers and remember that it is God who makes all things grow.

Dunkeld Diocese has some important dates for your diary

Join us on the Journey

One of the wonderful things about the Catholic Faith in its fullness is the treasures of prayer, tradition and liturgy. In the troubles, loneliness and disillusionment of the modern world we have the comfort and consolation that we are not alone. In our joys and sorrows of everyday life, our Faith reassures us of the care and presence of God as well as direction and help in the ever increasing choices we must make. However, the very richness of our tradition, the beauty and mystery of our liturgies and Sacraments can leave us feeling at a loss.

Mary O'Duffin says, "We are unsure how to discover the meaning of faith, prayer and devotion in our life but have a yearning for something MORE in life, some forthcoming events may guide and support you in living everyday life more joyfully and to discover God's presence in your life with family, friends and working life as well as a renewed understanding of the role of the Church in your life."

"Bishop Stephen often reminds us that our Church is the Church of Peter and Paul: embodying the traditions and structures of faith as well as the energy and outreach of Mission so apparent in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St Paul and the pastoral letters.

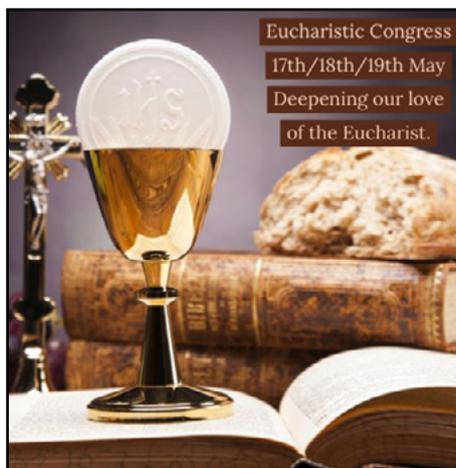
"Both dimensions are essential to a stable and lively faith life - but it may be that we have lost sight of that openness to the prompting of the Holy Spirit where God surprises with joy, consolation and a fresh challenge!

"The call to renewal and rediscovery of the missionary spirit of our Faith is put simply a way of living an authentic and rewarding Christian life with pools of reflection, celebration and company in the midst of a confusing world."

"Our desires in life tell us a lot about who we are. If you are looking for something more out of life, then the forthcoming I noticed in the Diocese of Dunkeld may be just what you are seeking."

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

"The Eucharistic Congress to be held on 17-19th May 2019 aims to help us explore the gift of the Eucharist, the Sacramental real Presence of Jesus in our lives. We all have memories and experiences of Mass in our lives. Deep memories of the joy of First Communion linger as touchstone moments in many of our lives.



"Perhaps we have guided children or Godchildren through reception of the Sacrament. Still many of us have a curiosity, attraction and thirst to make sense of this focal point in our lives. We have all had the experience of visiting a historic or famous place, knowing that it is significant, cherished and revered by many. If you have ever gone sightseeing without a guidebook, it is possible to miss out on the most important things and feel a sense of loss and disappointment afterwards. Many of us attend Mass, more or less regularly, but feel that something is missing. A restlessness in our heart tells us that something is missing.

"The Eucharistic Congress aims to lead us gently into understanding the beauty and meaning of The Mass; its role in deepening and nourishing our friendship with God; and exploring your questions and hopes for living a more satisfying and Eucharistic life. One of thanksgiving and sharing - and reaching out to others. We look forward to discovering a new delight in the Mass as food for the journey in our Christian pilgrimage.

"Bishop Stephen, in his wisdom and pastoral care for us encourages us to see how the faithfulness and simplicity of a hidden life of love and prayer can be a powerful force in energising outreach to others, our family and friends and acquaintances who we relate to in our everyday lives.

"There will be a special way in which we can witness this when the Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux come to Dunkeld in September.

"The Little Flower lived all her life in an enclosed Convent but explored her relationship with God in such a natural and open manner that she has been named as a Patron Saint of Mission, and an example of love, patience and humility.

Says Mary O'Duffin, "In recognising her smallness, she allowed God to work great things in her life, and beyond life. In honouring her by prayerful presence with the relics of her earthly life, we acknowledge that great Catholic truth: we are not asked to journey through life alone, but in the company of all the angels and saints, the faithful departed who love and intercede for us in heaven and whom we pray for. Join us in September in praying for graces and gifts in our Diocese, in a shower of rose petals as The Little Flower might have said.

MISSION EVENT 2019

"All this prepares our hearts for the Month of October 2019, when Fr Michael Freyne will coordinate reflections and opportunities on the theme of Mission. Following from the success of last year's event, a Mission Day will take place on Saturday 26th October. The main speaker will be Clare Fulton from Action for the Church in Need (ACN).

"May all these graces prepare our hearts to live as we long to and to gather all our family and friends, all those people we meet in the workaday and routine of life, into the hospitality and warmth of the Church's embrace. We are called to be witnesses of faith, hope and love.

"Our Eucharistic Congress calls us to deepen our FAITH in the Eucharist; the example of St Thérèse calls us to HOPE that even the smallest life or action can be heroic if devoted to God; and we are not given these understandings and experiences in order to hoard them or turn in on ourselves - these graces are meant to be shared with all whom we meet - where LOVE is shown in deeds rather than words. This is what it means to discover the grace of Mission in the Dunkeld Corner of the Lord's Vineyard. Join us on The Journey."

Calling all existing and aspiring catechists

Could 11 hours change your faith life?

Come and see - register for Echoes

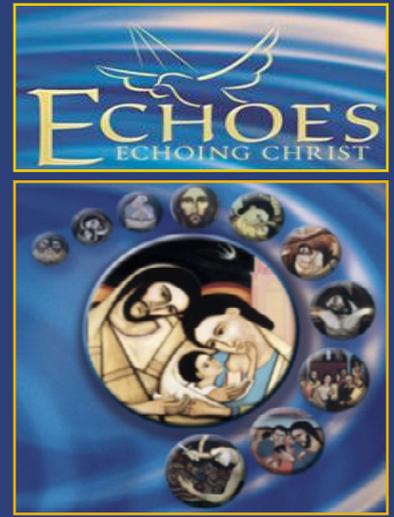
Delivered over 11 weekly sessions. Join us on the journey!
What inspires you - leads you to God - Kindle the Flame!

You are invited to a series of faith formation meetings
with Bishop Stephen Robson, Canon Kevin Golden and Mary O'Duffin

The course began on Monday 25th February, 7pm, Pastoral Centre,
24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee. DD3 6XY.

It's not too late to join us

Contact - bishops-secretary@dunkelddiocese.org.uk



Canon Kevin Golden invites us to share in the adult formation programmes on offer in Dunkeld Diocese this year

Come to the feast!

You perhaps sing the hymn in your parish which begins "Let everyone who thirsts come to the waters". It is a rousing song of invitation and it makes use of a number of biblical images to express the call of God to his people as he invites them to enter more deeply into the covenant relationship with him.

That covenant, made new and eternal in Jesus, is expressed, celebrated and lived through our faithful participation in the seasons of each liturgical year. We could say that on the First Sunday of Advent each year, God holds out to us a fresh invitation to share a journey and a feast. The journey is like the ascent up God's mountain of which Isaiah speaks; the feast is the celebration of God's saving of his people through, with, and in Christ.

In this "year of favour from the Lord", we always have one of the evangelists to guide and inspire us. This year, Luke's Gospel is proclaimed in the Sunday liturgy. Luke portrays Jesus, and the Church which is his body, as being on a great journey: Jesus, from the day of his baptism, when He is announced as the Father's Beloved Son, is on the journey towards the climax of His

mission and ministry at his Passover in Jerusalem; the Church makes the journey with Him as beloved sons and daughters of the same Father. As we do so we experience the saving effects of the Liturgy: through words, yes, but also through gesture and ritual, silence, song, and sacramental symbol. The liturgy is the great formative event for God's people, making us disciples and witnesses.

At the end of his Gospel Luke gives us the story of the Emmaus disciples on their journey, as an image of the road of life and faith we all travel. When the Lord of Emmaus speaks, our hearts burn within us; as he sits us down at table with him, our eyes are opened at the breaking of bread and we recognise him.

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At the recent Diocesan day on Catechet-

ics, we celebrated how the dynamic of Emmaus event finds an echo whenever we celebrate the Eucharist together. At the beginning of each Mass we express to the Lord just where we are in life, telling him our story, so to speak; then he in turn speaks his word to us, forming us in his truth and indeed making our hearts burn. The altar becomes the Emmaus table, where indeed our eyes are opened. Finally, like the two disciples who set out immediately to return to Jerusalem, we are sent, back to where we came from, to be witnesses to what we have experienced.

In this Year of Catechesis, hopefully we will experience that in the work of evangelisation, Catechesis and Liturgy are intimately connected, that indeed, as the Catechism teaches, the liturgy "is the privileged place for catechising the people of God" (1074). And no wonder this is so, because the Paschal Mystery of Christ is the heart of all catechesis, and it is that mystery which the liturgy makes manifest as a present-moment-experience for all its participants.

What a wonderful liturgical tradition and life we share! That hymn I quoted above concludes with these words:

*For this is life:
to die and rise in Jesus!
For this is life:
to share the life of Christ!
For this is life:
the bread and wine of justice.
O come to the feast!
O come to the feast!*



All are welcome - especially those who are joining the Church at Easter - indeed everyone who is searching to gain a deeper insight into scriptures and the liturgy. The talks will often draw on Scripture readings for Sunday Masses and so will be helpful to readers and cantors wishing to enrich their ministry

Contact Canon Kevin (01382 225228)

First steps for new Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Stephen welcomed all who gathered in the Pastoral Centre to form the new Diocesan Pastoral Council, at the end of February.

The Bishop explained, “a Pastoral Council is to be constituted which under the authority of the bishop investigates, considers, and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to pastoral works in the diocese.

“A Pastoral Council consists of members of the Christian faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church—clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life, and especially laity—who are designated in a manner determined by the diocesan bishop.

“Members are selected in such a way that they truly reflect the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese, with consideration given to the different areas of the diocese, social conditions



Photo - Fr Mike Freyne

and professions, and the role which they have in the apostolate whether individually or joined with others.”

Representatives of every parish as well as from lay associations, religious communities and priest were in attendance to hear Canon Kevin Golden, vicar general, and Mrs Mary O’Duffin, Dunkeld’s Pastoral Education Development Officer, invite them to help the Diocese to address issues which

currently are stumbling blocks to spreading the Good News: marital problems, problems with faith, the abuse crisis, the harshness of a priest or parishioner, sexuality issues, anger with the ‘institution’, laziness or irregular practise, problems with Confession. Bishop Stephen expressed his thanks to all present for showing their interest and commitment to this much needed new council in the diocese.

Dunkeld Lourdes Service is preparing for pilgrimage



Dunkeld Lourdes Service is a group of willing volunteers who travel to Lourdes each year as a vital part of the Diocese of Dunkeld’s annual pilgrimage.

They offer support to those pilgrims who choose to stay in one of the Accueils. DLS push wheelchairs, serve meals, clean wards but most importantly give of our time and ourselves to ensure each pilgrim in our care has a memorable pilgrimage to Lourdes.

They are well known for their smiles, their songs and their Yellow T-Shirts! If you’re interested in coming to Lourdes with Dunkeld, please get contact: dunkeldlourdeservice@yahoo.co.uk

The 2019 pilgrimage will travel from 9th-23rd July, in Lourdes from 12th-19th July. The cost of the 2019 pilgrimage will be set at £750, a necessary increase caused by inflation and the falling Euro rate. This still represents incredible value compared to other pilgrimages, and each place is heavily subsidised. This cost covers the coach trip from Dundee to Dundee with shared accommodation – if you are only travelling for part of the trip, the cost will remain the same, and if you want a single room for any part of the pilgrimage there will be a supplementary charge.

After all the fun and hard work at Lourdes the volunteers are planning a holiday at Disneyland Paris! If you don’t want to visit Disney just let them know at time of booking and we won’t book you tickets – the cost of the trip without the two days in Disney will still be £750.

Note that all volunteers under 18 on date of outward travel, must submit a paper copy of the application form by post, signed



by their parent/guardian.

We will also have a mandatory training session, details of which will be published once confirmed.

New helpers are always welcome – if you’ve never been to Lourdes, please consider coming on the pilgrimage. If you’d like more information about any part of the process, please get in touch!



Safeguarding Days of Prayer are launched in Dunkeld Diocese

Scotland's National Safeguarding Coordinator, Mrs Tina Campbell, addressed Dunkeld's parish safeguarding coordinators, and Deacons, at Dunkeld's Pastoral Centre, in Dundee, on the first Day of Prayer in a series planned across Scotland, in support of its work. The event follows the launch, earlier this year, of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Instruction on Safeguarding, a document for implementation in all Catholic canonical jurisdictions in Scotland and by all other groups and organisations in Scotland subject to a legitimate canonical authority of the Catholic Church.

In God's Image

Called, 'In God's Image' the document explains and provides a direct approach to Safeguarding that is to be practised at every level of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

For the public, and for Catholic faith communities in particular, it has been written to explain how the Catholic Church in Scotland makes every effort to protect from all forms of harm and abuse those children and adults who are vulnerable or at risk.



Mr Malcolm Veal (Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator) with Mrs Tina Campbell (National Safeguarding Coordinator) and Bishop Stephen at the opening of the Day of Prayer

It has also been written to direct those who are responsible for managing Safeguarding arrangements in parishes, dioceses, Religious Institutes and Catholic organisations, on how to comply with these new national Safeguarding standards.

Speaking in Dundee, Mrs Campbell said, "Today is the first of its kind in Scotland, and it is not only an opportunity to pause

and reflect on the important work that we do, but also a time too to pray for the survivors of abuse. We have plans to hold similar events in support of our coordinators across the country."

The day concluded with a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Service of Commissioning in St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, Dundee.



Service of Commissioning

Sisters recruit Associate Members to help with their Mission of Prayer

An Immaculate Conception unit has been established in the diocese to help Religious Sisters spread the compassion and word of God. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth Bryce (left) and Audrey Toshney (centre) were officially given new titles by Bishop Stephen and they will now lead the new group which will be known as the Immaculate Conception Unit, Scotland.

At their consecration Bishop Stephen presented the two women with their handbooks and prayer books that will guide them through their roles as associates of the Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation.

“Both these books will assist our mission as associates,” Ms Toshney said. “Our aim is to bring compassion to others, to share the word of God and to live it.”

Dunkeld’s Immaculate Heart of Mary Congregation is based at Lawside, Dundee. The Order was founded in 1937, in Nigeria, by Archbishop Charles Heerey, an African missionary who was originally from County Meath in Ireland. Both Elizabeth and Audrey have now been involved with Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters for over



Elizabeth Bryce and Audrey Toshney pictured at their consecration with Sister Mary Delphine (IHM) in St Joseph’s Chapel, Lawside, Dundee. (Photo - Eddie Mahoney)

a year, carrying our Archbishop Heerey’s vision through encouraging people to pray the Rosary in their homes. Now that they have been recognised as official associates of the religious order they will be able to carry out their duties further, helping the Sisters in their mission.

Ms Toshney told Dunkeld News, “We encourage people to pray the Rosary in their

homes and to take the Pilgrim Statues of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes either praying as a family, or on their own or in groups as part of their parish community.”

“Elizabeth and I, together with the IHM Sisters, also pray with them in their own homes prior to the pilgrim statues moving onto another home.”

Dunkeld’s Religious communities heed call to be true evangelists

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - which is also the day of the Consecrated Life - Bishop Stephen celebrated Mass in St Joseph’s Chapel, Lawside, Dundee, for the religious communities of the diocese.

The occasion was organised by Fr Ronnie McAinsh, Vicar Episcopal for all those who are in Religious Orders in Dunkeld Diocese.

Fr Ronnie, from St Mary’s Kinnoull, Perth, who is also the Provincial Superior of the Redemptorists both in the United Kingdom and in Zimbabwe said:

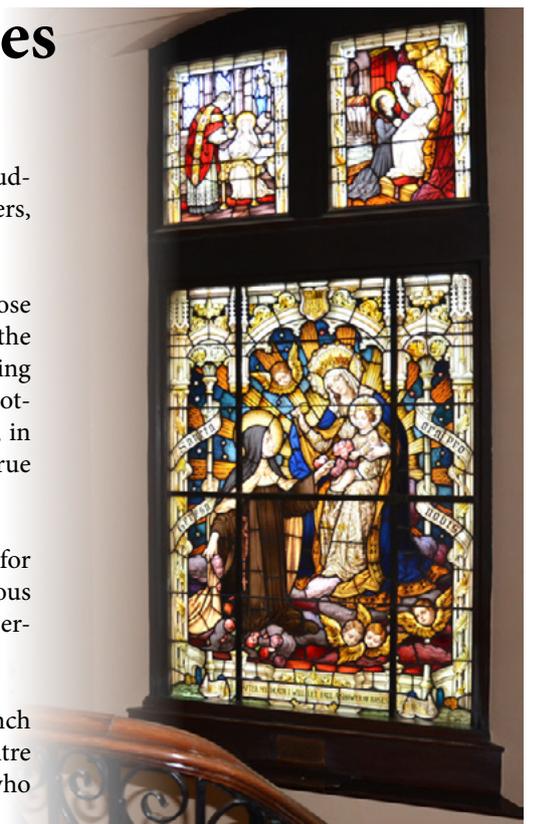
“It was good to see that both male and female orders were well represented. The diocesan choir, under the direction of Canon Kevin, provided wonderful music for

our liturgy. A group of lay people, including some Carmelite Third Order members, were also present.”

In his homily the Bishop reminded those present of their place at the heart of the Church and recalled remarks made during the extended meeting between the Scottish Bishops and Pope Francis in Rome, in which he encouraged them all to be true evangelisers.

The bishop expressed his appreciation for the presence and the ministry of Religious within the diocese and urged them to persevere with zeal.

After the Mass the Bishop hosted a lunch for all the Religious in the pastoral centre and this was deeply appreciated by all who were present.



Striking a chord to welcome new members

Members and guests of the Dundee and Perth Circle of the Catenian Association enjoyed a festive meal at the Fair City's Queens Hotel before being royally entertained by Miss Clare Bywalec with a playlist of her choice which offered 'something for everyone'.

Miss Bywalec, who studied Modern Music at Perth University of the Highlands and Islands, gaining 1st Class Honours, was recently appointed as an organist at St John the Baptist's, Perth by Canon Mulholland, and more recently as a piano tutor at Kilgraston School.

Shortly after her graduation, Claire set up her own Music School in the city and now, within 3 years, it boasts over 30 students learning keyboard and guitar. Her pupils also can be found performing successfully at concerts and festivals in the area.

At their next meeting in Perth, Thursday 7th March, the guest speaker will be Mrs Zabieh Alsamaan who left the war-torn Syria, and her hometown of Aleppo in 2011. Mrs Alsamaan will give a deeply personal insight into the present situation in her homeland.



The Catenians, an international association of Catholic laymen committed to their faith, their families and to those in need, is always on the lookout for new members. Membership office Mr Hugh O'Neill said, "Our meetings are monthly and offer a

varied programme of social events shared by our families, widows of members and friends. If you would like to find out more about the Association, or to come along on 7th March - please call 01738 812815 for more details or to reserve a place."

Town and Gown Mass celebrates Christ the King



Bishop Stephen Robson was joined by representatives of Dundee and Dundee Abertay Universities, Civic Leaders from Dundee, Angus, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Clackmannanshire, with students and teachers and representatives of the legal profession at the Annual Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. (Photo - Eddie Mahoney)

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Dunkeld's Serra Group

Serra Masses are held at 7pm in St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, Dundee on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to go along and join in.

As spokesperson for the group said, "Our need for vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life has never been so critical and we should all pray fervently that the Lord will send us the Priests and Religious who are so necessary to preserve our Church in these difficult times."

If you interested in becoming a priest - If you would like more information about the priesthood, please contact the Dunkeld's Director of Vocations, Fr Michael Carrie - St Mary's Rectory, 22 Powrie Place, Dundee, DD1 2PQ - Telephone 01382 226384.

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Papal Award brings joy to the family Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice for a lifetime of music making



(L-R) Fr Mark Cassidy, Susan Cassidy, Bishop Stephen and Canon Mulholland

During a Service of Solemn Vespers in St John the Baptist's Church, Perth, Bishop Stephen Robson presented Miss Susan Cassidy with the Papal Award, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, in recognition of her service to the parish and the diocese. As a child, Susan sang in the church choir at in the parish and for the past 30 years she has been its organist and choir mistress, accompanying and enriching the liturgy at Mass, at services of Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings and funerals.

Bishop Stephen paid tribute to Susan's talents as a composer and arranger too. "She has a gift that combines joy and reverence."

"Miss Cassidy has also served as the Director of Music for Dunkeld Diocese's pilgrimages to Lourdes for over 30 years. This, combined with her lifetime's work as a Catholic teacher, at first in Lawside Academy and St John's High, Dundee, and then at St Columba's High School and St John's Academy, Perth, makes her a worthy recipient of this prestigious award; the highest award a lay person can be given."

The service was also attended by Canon Steven Mulholland, St John's parish priest, and Susan's brother, Fr Mark Cassidy, parish priest at the Immaculate Conception parish in Lochee, Dundee.



Susan surrounded by her sisters, Jane and Mary Lou, brother-in-law Donald, brother - Fr Mark, niece Katy and great nephew Daniel

St Fillan's says 'welcome home' to those who hunger for Faith



Canon Tom Shields addresses the young people of his parish during a monthly Children's Mass at St Fillan's, Crieff

PHOTO - Aleksandra Motoń

'Welcome Home' is the message sent out by Canon Tom Shields with the launch of his new parish website in Crieff. As well as all the conventional contact details, Mass times and church bulletin, Canon Tom has used the opportunity to reach out, with a weekly blog and an online forum, to people who are searching for faith, or have perhaps lost it and wish to return to the Church.

Canon Tom said, "When I started this short series of reflections before Christmas, my mind was very much on the fact that Lent and Easter are later in the year, and that we were in between the great seasons of the Church's Year. I have tried to show that being in between times is our human condition. The Kingdom of God is not yet fully revealed to us, and yet, it is already here."

<https://www.st-fillans-crieff.org.uk/>

Day of Prayer sees St Teresa of Calcutta as model of charity

On the 27th World Day of the Sick, parishioners from across the diocese gathered in the Immaculate Conception church, Lochee, for Mass with Bishop Stephen, Fr Mark Cassidy, Mgr Aldo Angelosanto and Fr Mike Freyne.

Bishop Stephen spoke of Pope Francis' message to mark the Day of Prayer, in which he urges believers to promote a culture of generosity, noting that the joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian. Pope Francis says that those who care for the sick and give of themselves with generosity and straight-forward love – like St Mother Teresa of Calcutta - are amongst the Church's most credible evangelisers.

The Pope's message also focussed on Jesus's words to the Apostles: "You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8).



Originally established in 1993 by St John Paul II, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a different city is now chosen each year to host the international celebration of the World Day of the Sick.

This year the choice has fallen on Calcutta in India, and Pope Francis has highlighted the figure of Saint Teresa of Calcutta as a model of charity who made God's love for the poor and sick visible.



Bishop Stephen with Mgr Aldo and members of Dundee's Italian Community at St Bride's, Monifieth

Busking, waitressing at table, learning the language **Tamzin has sets her sights on a real Nepalese adventure**



Use your mobile to scan this QR code to get a direct link to Tamzin's Virgin-Money fundraising page

A parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth, is learning a language during her Saturday job at a restaurant in the city to help prepare for a volunteer teaching post in a Nepalese school.

Tamzin Longhorn (17) is coming to the end of her time at St John's Academy and is excited to find she's been selected by the charity Project Trust to travel to a remote part of western Nepal later this year and teach English in a school on a 12-month placement.

She's working incredibly hard to fund her dream trip, which is reliant on her raising £6200. With her trusty fiddle, she busks in Perth High Street and sells handmade jewellery. At school she's held a cake sale and a 'guess the teddy's birthday' competition and plans to organise other fundraising events, such as a curry night at St John's church in collaboration with Perth's Tabla Restaurant.

So far Tamzin has raised over £3800, but she admits there's still some way to go.

The Project Trust selection was a challenge in itself, with Tamzin heading solo to the Isle of Coll for an interview activity weekend last August.

She recalled: "After filling out online applications, I was fortunate enough to be

invited to the Isle of Coll for a selection course. This in itself was a bit of a challenge, but I booked my train and ferry tickets and spent a night at a hostel in Oban.

"Our stay on Coll was packed with a mixture of lessons, tasks and time spent getting to know each other and enjoy island life.

"One day was spent teaching our own classes, trying to show the non-Scots how to ceilidh dance, and then climbing Ben Hough. We also worked in the community and then explored overseas scenarios.

"By the end of the course I was totally exhausted, but thoroughly enjoyed myself and made some amazing friends."

Tamzin explained what she'll be doing from August: "During my year overseas, I will work as an English teacher and do my share of work in my host family, as well as helping with extra-curricular activities at the school. I will need to find creative, fun ways in which to engage a large group of students and give them the best learning experience possible."

"Nepal has a rich culture, and I'm looking forward to learning about the many Nepali traditions and celebrations, as well as finding out how to cook Nepali food and learn their language."

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A final year student at St John's Academy has given herself a head start by getting work as a waitress at Tabla Indian restaurant in South Street, Perth.

"Raj, the manager there, has been so supportive, my trip came up at the interview," said Tamzin.

"I love languages and as well as studying Spanish and Polish, I've been picking up some Nepalese language from the staff since I've been working there. I'm still learning the basics like the alphabet and colours, it's all a step to helping get ready for the trip. The staff there have also been helpful about the Curry Night I am planning for St John's Church Hall, Perth, on Saturday 29th March, starting at 7pm. I hope I will be able to make some of the dishes myself having picked up the recipes in the restaurant kitchen.

"Altogether there are 14 people from all over the UK who are on this Project Trust expedition to Nepal. I've met someone else from Perth who is a year older who is also going, so we've agreed to meet up when we're out there.

Tamzin's crowd funding weblink is:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TamzinLonghorn>

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Chemistry lab offers a new perspective at St Paul's

These P7 pupils were among a large group from St Andrew's, St Fergus, St Francis' and St Pius Primaries who visited St Paul's Academy, Dundee last month.

They were all looking for a taste of the life which lies ahead in the next stage of their learning visiting all the departments, meeting the staff and being guided around by the senior pupils.

St Joseph's Primary give the Bishop a warm welcome



Bishop Stephen and chaplain Fr Leszek Wicaszek, S.A.C. on a pastoral visit to St Joseph's Primary School, Dundee - PHOTO - Eddie Mahoney

A Special Blessing for all at Our Lady's New School



Bishop Stephen was accompanied on his visit to Our Lady's Primary, Forebank, by the school's chaplains, past and present, Fr Michael Carrie (left) and Canon Stephen Mulholland (right) for the Blessing of their newly opened school.

The new school is one of a number across the city now build on shared campuses.



St Mary Magdalene's, Perth, plays host to a Maltese-Scottish commemoration

The first Maltese-Scottish event took place in Perth on the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, a national holiday in Malta with Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Vella, Deacon Jean Gove and Mgr Charles Hendry in Maltese and English.

A group of Maltese nationals living in Scotland decided to commemorate the event which is of huge national significance to the tiny country.

Marilou Ciantar, assistant organiser for the event, and a parishioner at St Mary Magdalene's, said: "A group of Maltese nationals living in Scotland got together to commemorate the event. Fr Edward Vella, parish priest at St Bride's RC church, Pitlochry, strongly welcomed the idea."

"At the time when St Paul was shipwrecked on the Island of Malta, the island was known by its Roman name of Melita. Paul was on his way to Rome to undergo trial when a violent storm led to his ship being wrecked. All aboard swam ashore to safety.

The event is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 28). This makes Malta one of only 18 modern nations to be mentioned in the Bible, 'Later we learned that the island was called Melita. And the people who lived there showed us great kindness, and they made a fire and called us all to warm ourselves.'

"The shipwreck (around AD 60) is thought to have occurred in the area known as St Paul's Bay and St Paul's Island; a statue on the island commemorates this event. This is how Malta, which was a pagan country at the time, converted to Christianity. The governor of the day, Publius became a Christian, and was appointed as the first Bishop of Malta."

"It is thought that the site of Publius' home is marked by the cathedral in medieval city of Mdina. The feast of St Paul is the first in the Maltese calendar of village festas and heralds the arrival of spring."

Following Mass, lunch was celebrated at Paco's Restaurant, Perth.



St Paul's statue, St Paul's Bay, Malta

100th Anniversary Mass for Poland's Independence

Perth's Polish Community celebrated the 100th anniversary of their homeland regaining its Independence (in 1919) at a Mass in the city's Station Hotel.

Fr Bogdan Palka SDS from St John's, Perth, was assisted by Deacon Krysz Jablonski for Holy Mass in the hotel's vast ballroom, which, in turn, overflowed into the surrounding rooms.

The Polish Scouts were among those who took part in the readings at Mass and Magda Dubanowska directed the 'Singing Angels', the children's choir from St John's, who led the praise during the Mass.

Mr Marcin Rudzki, headteacher at the Bajka Educational Center which was hosting the occasion, compered a concert of music drawn from across Poland and performed by the pupils from his school. The day culminated with a banquet of traditional Polish foods, the singing of the Polish National anthem and the arrival of a huge birthday cake to shouts of 'Sto Lat' - wishing the country another 100 years and many more!



Prayers for Victims of Abuse

Calling for prayers for the success of the recent Meeting of the Episcopal Conference Presidents from all over the world in Rome on the Protection of Minors, Bishop Robson expressed his desire for “frankness, fruitful exchanges, strong determination to put things right, and productive decisions.”

Bishop Stephen also announced that the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland has proposed that the Friday (8th March, 2019) after Ash Wednesday should be a day of prayer for victims of abuse. Prayer materials are being sent out from the Bishops’ Conference to all parishes.

The format of the service for the day of prayer will include prayers for all victims of abuse of all kinds and a penitential rite to seek forgiveness for abuse committed by Church personnel. This service will take place at 7pm in St Andrew’s Cathedral, but, at the same time, around the diocese, in outlying parishes, similar services are planned - part of a wider network of prayer across the country.

40 Days for Life Prayer Initiative

Working for the protection of the preborn in the womb and for their mothers and families, the 40 Days for Life Prayer Initiative starts on Ash Wednesday, and continues every day throughout Lent.

Bishop Stephen welcomed the support given to this important work which is not a regular feature in the Church’s calendar. “May I commend this apostolate to you especially during the penitential season of Lent,” said Bishop Stephen, “I commend Mr Phil Kearns this year for taking on this initiative and understand that his invitation, posters and flyers advertising this powerful witness has already gone out to the parishes.”

Once again the station for the Prayer Witness will be at the roundabout at the beginning of the main entrance to Ninewells Hospital on Ninewells Avenue, Dundee. Says Bishop Stephen, “May I invite you to participate in this witness, or at least to pray for all those taking part in it. Even an occasional visit to pray with the group would be most welcome.”



Dunkeld’s next Nightfever will take place on Saturday 30th March 2019. Organiser, Niki Munro commended all who have supported the recent events in St Andrew’s Cathedral, Dundee.

“Thanks to all who were able to support the evening with their presence and prayer - it is so much appreciated. To have a church full of people to make our invited guests who come in from the streets feel welcome and warmth is a real grace and blessing of the evening.

“Our students, volunteers and musicians

created a welcoming and prayerful atmosphere which touched and opened hearts to God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as a listening ear for those who wished to talk, was available and Canon Kevin led us in Night Prayer and Benediction. Hospitality was also most welcomed by our volunteers!

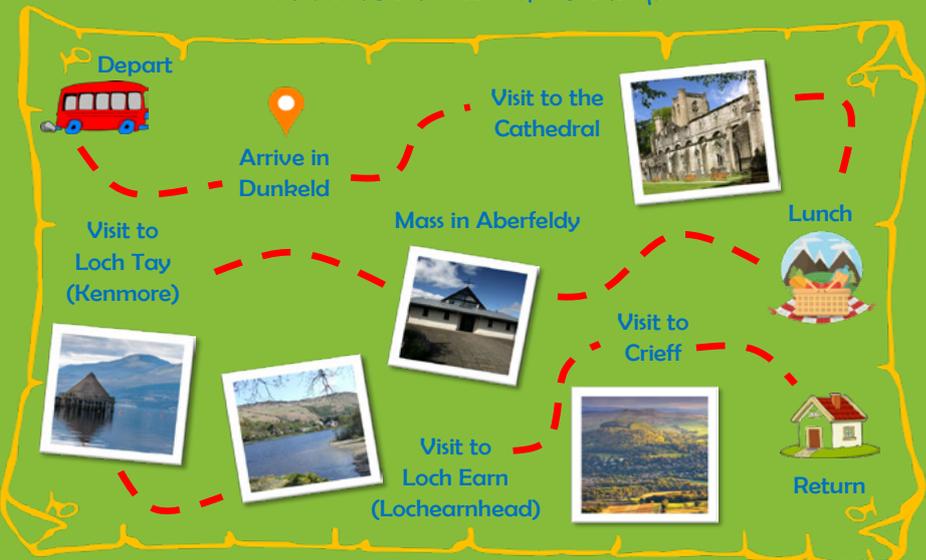
“To see so many people present in our Cathedral throughout the evening, enjoying the presence of the Lord and the graces He wished to bestow, was truly awe-inspiring. Some of our guests were visibly moved by their time before the Lord.

 **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage**

Dunkeld Youth Service

Sunday 9th June 2019 10am-8.30pm 12-30 years

Join Bishop Stephen and the Dunkeld Youth Service for a fun-filled, educational journey around some of Dunkeld Diocese’s spiritual landmarks and beautiful scenery.



Cost for the day: £10 (lunch not included)

To register or for more information please contact the youth service via email or social media.

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(Please note under 18s will require a parental consent form to be completed and returned by Friday 7th June 2019. These can be obtained online or via the youth office.)

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE



Pupils from St Dominic's Primary and Morrisons Academy Primary, gather with Canon Thomas Shields, Deacon Harry Schnitker and Bishop Stephen after their Confirmation Mass at St Fillan's, Crieff.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2019

The Sick & Retired Priests Fund
10th March - 1st Sunday of Lent

Papal & Episcopal Charities
(including SCIAF)
31st March - 4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Places
19th April - Good Friday

Wee Boxes sent to SCIAF

Apostolate of Communications
2nd June

Peter's Pence
30th June - Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

Apostleship of the Sea
7th July - 14th Sunday of the Year

Day for Life
16th July - 16th Sunday of the Year

Mensal Fund
4th August - 18th Sunday of the Year

Ecclesiastical Students Fund
15th September - 24th Sunday of the Year

Mission Sunday
20th October - 29th Sunday of the Year

Catholic Education Service
17th November - 33rd Sunday of the Year

Poor Mission Fund
1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent



Rev. Johny Raphael CST and Fr Rogi, with Bishop Stephen, and staff and pupils from St Ninian's Primary, Dundee after Confirmation Mass at St Ninian's, Dundee.



Bishop Stephen conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on twelve children in the parish of St Joseph the Worker's, Callander. Coming just one month after the death of Fr Jim McCruden, parish priest of St Joseph's Callendar, St Fillan's and Alphonsus Doune and at Killin, Bishop Stephen reflected on the great support and love the community had shown for Fr Jim and he thanked Fr Mike Freyne, Fr Brian McLean, Fr Willie Brandon SMA and Fr Joe Millar for all their support in the parish during Fr Jim's illness.