



## A WORD FROM THE CARDINAL

My dear Friends,



I write to you following our annual holiday season and Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and prior to the beginning of an exciting 'Year Of Faith'.

As always, our annual pilgrimage was a stimulating experience for me personally, for my brother priests and, of course, for our sick pilgrims and all who help them and travel with them. If you have not already taken part in one of these annual pilgrimages, can I urge you to think about it for next year at the equivalent time at the beginning of July? Many parishes support sick or less able pilgrims on their journey to Lourdes and for their stay at the special facilities in that holy place.

The summer has indeed been a joyful one in our Archdiocese, with a variety of ordinations. I know that very many of you will have shared the joy of the **Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Stephen Robson** as the Auxiliary Bishop of our Archdiocese in our Cathedral on Saturday 9 June 2012. As you know, Bishop Stephen will be helping all in our Archdiocese in various ways and assuming many of my own

responsibilities, especially with regard to parish and school visitations and celebrations. An ideal way for him to travel around our Archdiocese is with regard to the Lenten Station Masses. When the late, much-loved Bishop Rafferty was our Assistant Bishop, he also assisted in this way and, consequently, Bishop Robson will be following in his footsteps, visiting each Deanery during Lent of next year.

Some three weeks after Bishop Stephen's ordination, there was the ordination of two of our deacons to the priesthood on Saturday 30 June 2012, again in our Cathedral. I had the joy of ordaining **Father Jeremy Milne** from St Margaret's, South Queensferry and **Father John Deighan** from St Marie's, Kirkcaldy as priests. Father Jeremy will take up the position of Assistant Priest at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh and Fr. John will join St. Francis Xavier's, Falkirk as Assistant Priest.

**Our students in Rome** are fulfilling various placements in parishes in our Archdiocese: Reverend Paul Lee, a deacon and student at the Pontifical Beda College, Rome, will be fulfilling his student placement in St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk. The other seminarians, all at the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, will be fulfilling summer placements as follows: Reverend Andrew Garden at St Mary's, Stirling; Nicky Welsh at St Patrick's, Kilsyth; and Jamie McMorrin at St Andrew's, Livingston.

Two other men are **commencing their studies for the priesthood** while studying at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome: they are Anthony Lappin of Glasgow and Richard Campbell of Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

Please keep all of these men in your thoughts and in your prayers at this time.

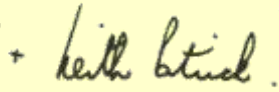
As always, when we commence our activities in the Archdiocese at the beginning of a new academic year, **lay formation** will occupy a large part of our Archdiocesan activities. Please consult the regular issues of the E Bulletin on this vitally important matter, with the details being issued from our Pastoral Resources Office. At the recent meeting of the Archdiocesan Pastoral

Council on Thursday 21 June 2012, input was given by the Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources, Ms Patricia Carroll, on the apostolate of our various agencies and a full report of the input from the agencies can be obtained from Ms Carroll or from your own Dean who attended the APC meeting. Further information on courses etc to suit you, or which you need to fulfil your remit, is available from the office of the Episcopal Delegate for Pastoral Resources: [Patricia.Carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:Patricia.Carroll@staned.org.uk); or her PA, Mrs Yvonne Fleming at [Yvonne.Fleming@staned.org.uk](mailto:Yvonne.Fleming@staned.org.uk).

I enclose with this E Bulletin, a list of the **Archdiocesan appointments** of our priests, which will take effect from this first weekend of September 2012, namely Saturday 1/Sunday 2 September 2012.

With every blessing for the remainder of our summer and hoping that you, your families and your friends are enjoying a fruitful and positive break.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



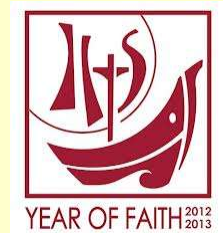
**+ Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien**  
**Archbishop of St. Andrews & Edinburgh**

## Adult Faith Formation

In this YEAR of FAITH a number of events have been arranged, all events run from 11.- 3pm at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please bring your own lunch:



RCIA Days	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Developing Prayer
	27 <sup>th</sup> April	RCIA & Social Justice
CIC Support Days	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Focus on Reconciliation
	26 <sup>th</sup> January	Focus on Confirmation
Parish Council Training Day	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Open to all existing and new PPC members
Retreat Day for RCIA Groups	24 <sup>th</sup> November	For RCIA catechists, Enquirers and Candidates
Lent Retreat Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	For Catechumens and Candidates
Reflection Day for New Catholics	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Open to all who celebrated initiation at Easter or other times in the year.



Following the success of last year's parish retreats we are once again offering parishes the opportunity to have a retreat experience from Monday to Friday.

This year we will focus on 'Icons of Faith' to celebrate the YEAR of FAITH, exploring the essentials of our faith together.

To book a slot for your church contact [patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk](mailto:patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

## Youth Ministry



The annual mass for vocations week will be celebrated by Cardinal O'Brien on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at St. Joseph's, Little Sisters of the Poor, 43 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9NG at 7pm. The monthly vocations mass will continue through the year each second Tuesday at 7pm at St. Joseph's.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Fr. Stan Fortuna FFR 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Theme – 'Be strong and courageous' Joshua 1:9

Concert – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at Couper Institute, 89 Clarkston Road, Glasgow, G44 3DA, 7.30 – 10pm – Entry £10

Conference – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Consolation Church, Govanhill, Glasgow, G42 7DE – Entry £10 (£15 for both)

To register or more more details: Tel. Dougie at 0131 4476153 or email [ccrglas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccrglas@yahoo.co.uk) or [arena@dhunter.uk.com](mailto:arena@dhunter.uk.com)



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 3.30pm**

**Lauriston Jesuit Centre, EH3 9DJ**

**6yr Pupils – Sing to the Lord a new Song...**

Come along and explore 'what prayer means to you' through 'creativity workshops. This is open to all secondary schools, fifteen delegates from each school are invited to attend.

## Marriage and Family Life



### Post Qualifying Certificate in Relationship Counselling

This is a unique opportunity for those who have professional level training in Counselling and are interested in developing as a Relationship Counsellor. If you are interested you will find more information on the SMC website

<http://www.scottishmarriagecare.org/trainingCertificate.html>

### Marriage Catechists Training

The marriage catechist's training course will run in Gillis in Edinburgh this autumn. The training consists of four Saturdays, and participants study all aspects of Church teaching on the Sacrament of Marriage as well as how to work with engaged couples.

When they have completed the course, the catechists are a skilled and knowledgeable resource in a parish or cluster - able to be part of the pastoral support currently offered to married couples and families and to help it flourish in their local church.

Individuals and married couples are welcome on the course, however because of the nature of the work, they must be chosen or endorsed by their parish priest.

The dates are as follows:- Saturday 13th October 2012: Saturday 27th October 2012 Saturday 17th November 2012 and Saturday 1st December 2012 starting at 10.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. If you would like more information about this course, or if I can help with any other matter related to marriage and family life, please get in touch. [Sally.mcelroy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Sally.mcelroy@staned.org.uk)

## Justice & Peace



### **SCIAF Supporter Event Evening**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Laurieston Jesuit Centre

Edinburgh, 6 for 6.30pm. More information from Rachel Lamb at SCIAF: [rlamb@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:rlamb@sciaf.org.uk)

### **Alternativity Event**

#### **'Faithful' Christmas Workshop**

22<sup>nd</sup> September, St. John Ogilvie's Church, Wester Hailes, 10.30 - 3pm. £10

Fed up with the commercialization of Christmas...come along. To book a place contact

[Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) or call 0131 623 8922

### **Poetic Justice**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Lauriston Jesuit Centre.

A fabulous evening of poetry, story and song. A cabaret style evening with poets, singers and storytellers sharing their songs, stories and poems inspired by Justice and Injustice. Contact [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) for more information.

### **Just Church - Penicuik and Loanhead Parishes**

The 'Just Church' course is running through September in the Penicuik and Loanhead parishes. If you are from this area and would like to attend please contact [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) for more details.

## Around the Diocese.....and beyond!



### **Accommodation at The Gillis Centre**

The Gillis Centre as well as being the Archdiocesan Offices is a beautiful historic house with a 3 star Guest House rating, centrally situated, five minutes from Bruntsfield with its shops, restaurants, pubs, cinema and the Kings Theatre.

18 bedrooms are en-suite, 2 have private bathrooms. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities and hair-dryers. Breakfast is self-service, continental. Disabled access is available. The Centre also provides a number of meeting rooms and conference facilities. For bookings please contact: 0131 623 8933. More information can be found at: [www.gilliscentre.org.uk](http://www.gilliscentre.org.uk)



### **Retreat coming up at Craiglodge.....**

14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September

A Fire Rally - Derek Williams, Word & Spirit Ministries

"Set our hearts on fire with love for you". This will be a weekend focusing on the dynamic proclamation of the Word of God followed by healing ministry, renewal and transformation in Christ (£85). Contact: [mail@craiglodge.org](mailto:mail@craiglodge.org) or find out more at [www.craiglodge.org](http://www.craiglodge.org)



### Thomas Bagnall Centre

The Thomas Bagnall Centre, in the Diocese of Galloway, is the unusual, integral building that is the church and house of Saint Mary's in the picturesque village of New Abbey. A beautiful place for retreat, holidays, use by small groups. More details can be found at [www.thomasbagnallcentre.org.uk](http://www.thomasbagnallcentre.org.uk)



### VACANCY

Charity Shop Manager, Portobello - Lifeline Scotland  
3 days per week (16 hours) Salary £13,000 pro rata  
For more information contact [info@lifelinescotland.org.uk](mailto:info@lifelinescotland.org.uk) or

[www.lifelinecounselling.org](http://www.lifelinecounselling.org) Fond fairwells to the Manager of the Portobello Charity Shop, Elspeth Gillam, is retiring.

As Lifeline expands its service into West Lothian the Board of Trustees would like to strengthen its membership in terms of its numbers as well as its depth of expertise. The Board is seeking to recruit new members with some experience of one or more of the following: social or health services, counselling, charity shop management, or fundraising. Although desirable, these skills are not essential. Enthusiasm, commitment and creativity are also valued. If you know of anyone who might be interested they can contact Lifeline for more information on the above email or call: 0131 557 2060.



**The new Chapel at St. Albert the Great** in Edinburgh was officially opened by Cardinal O'Brien. St. Albert the Great is home to the Dominicans who provide Chaplaincy services to the students of Edinburgh University and other Universities in the area.

The pictures are incredible and you can see more at <https://www.facebook.com/KTDOEdinburgh>



### National Conference of Priest and Permanent Deacons of Scotland (NCPDPS) Annual Conference

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012, Conforti Institute, Coatbridge.

Keynote speaker: Mgr. Paul Watson & 'This is Your Faith' Speaker - Michael McGrath (S.C.E.S)  
Early booking is advisable.

[www.confortiinstitute.org](http://www.confortiinstitute.org) or [www.ncppds.org.uk](http://www.ncppds.org.uk)

## Special thanks.....

Fr John Robinson wishes to say a huge thank you to all who in one way or another marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination, especially those able to be with me and my family in St. Ketingern's Church and hall on 6<sup>th</sup> June. He especially sends his grateful thanks to all who sent greetings and generous gifts to mark the occasion. In thanksgiving Fr. John offered an Octave of Masses for everyone's needs and intentions.

## Next Issue.....

If you have any items about pastoral events in the Archdiocese and would like them in the next e-bulletin please send them by email to [yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk](mailto:yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk) by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012.**



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